

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

October DRAW

1st Prize £53.75 - Larissa Griffen
2nd Prize £32.25 - Kath Lever
3rd Prize £10.75 - Alan & Rosie Sharp
43 Ticket holders, £10.75 to the Xmas draw, now standing at £103.00
£107.50 donated to the Church

November DRAW

1st Prize £53.75 - Brian Nevison
2nd Prize £32.25 - Carol Billings
3rd Prize £10.75 - Evie Laidler
43 Ticket holders, £10.75 to the Xmas draw, now standing at £113.75
£107.50 donated to the Church

Wouldn't it be lovely to win?
Please note our new contact.
Contact Bron Kenny (01604 864 914)
67 Stoke Road, Ashton
bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk

Pumpkin Festival - Thank you

The second Ashton Pumpkin Festival went off without a hitch. It was well attended and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.

There were a great many Jack-O'-Lanterns set out on the field for all to admire. Some really exciting artwork was on display. Many of the children, young people and some adults dressed up in costume that added to the fun.

I would like to thank Helene, Alan and Monty Lee for the use of their Marquee and helping set it up, the Zanotta Family for the use of their sheep hurdles to keep the area safe, Mike Burton for the two big bags of apples for the home made cider, everyone who brought food to share and especially the wonderful spider web cake and Zoe, Dominique, Josh and Sam for helping to make Jack-O'-Lanterns.

Sandra Lemon 01604 863634

The **Parish Council Meeting** minutes of 10 November 2010 can be viewed on the village website at www.ashtonvillage.co.uk, on the village notice boards or at the Old Crown.

My name is **Felicity Gardiner**. I have taken over the **Parish Council Clerk** position from Ginny. Please see my full contact details below.

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ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR:

Christmas Family Disco

Friday 3rd December
7.00-11.00pm
Mens Own Rugby Club
Ashton

Hamper raffle

Chocolate and Tropic raffles!

Licensed bar!

Party bags for sale!

Entrance:
Adults £2
Children £1
(under 5s free)
All proceeds to
Ashton C of E Primary School

Bring all your family and friends for a great night out.
The kids can bop till they drop!
DJ TERRY GAFFEE

Kath Lever

We were sad to hear of Kath passing away last week. As the oldest resident in Ashton she would have been ninety in just a few weeks time. Kath was born in Ashton and spent much of her life here in the village. Kath spent much of her time getting involved in the village and organising many events and activities. She was a prime organiser of the Ashton Womens Institute and worked hard with Margery Fisher and others to publish the Ashton Scrapbook in 1954. She took an active interest in all aspects of the village all her life. She will be missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

Andrew and Stephanie Fowler

Andrew and Stephanie will be leaving Ashton shortly. They have both committed much of their time to the village helping and organising numerous events. Just a few of the many they have been involved with are the Church re-ordering and grant application (a 10 year commitment!), car boot sales, Roots history weekends, 50/50 lottery, book club and much more. We would like to thank them for all their help and support and wish them well in their move to their new home.

Betta's Ashton Pasta Evening

A date for your diary ! Saturday December 11th from 7.30 at The Barn, Vale Farm House, Stoke Road. It was a really good evening last year, so the tickets will sell quickly. There will be limited numbers and entry only by ticket, for catering purposes. Tickets £12.50 for a three course meal with a glass of wine. There will be NO buying tickets on the door. **Contact Marion Wilson 864254 or Bron Kenny 864914**

Ashton Book Launch

'VILLAGE SNAPSHOT - A WALK THROUGH ASHTON'S PAST'

To celebrate the completion of the 10 year project to re-order our Church, we have written a new book about Ashton. The book will be launched on Sunday 5th December, 12 noon to 4 pm in the Knights' Hall at the Church. There will be drinks and refreshments available. For more information, **contact Marion Wilson on 864254**

Stoke Road Green Christmas tree

Decorating the Tree on the green this year will take place on Sunday December 19th 2010 at 2pm. Please come along and join in. We will have drinking chocolate and fun. If you have any old unwanted ornaments please bring them along, drop them off at 41 Stoke Road or phone me and I will collect them. Last year Poppy, Ruby, Scarlett and their parents brought edible ornaments for the birds. Anyone fancy making some this year?

Sandra Lemon 01604 863634

Ashton Church of England Primary School

Term continues to be as busy as ever and the run up to Christmas sees the Junior class taking part in a cluster carol concert at Dodderidge church. We entered the Roade cluster cross country last week and were delighted to gain fourth place in the Year 3 and 4 girls' race and 6th place in the Year 3 and 4 boys' race. All the children finished the course and their efforts were tremendous. We have to thank our dedicated coaches Becca Powell and Penny Roberts who organised training at Mens Own each week to prepare the children. Special mention must go to Evie who represented us as a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6 as we were short of girls and to Charlie and Lucas who were elevated to Juniors for the event and performed brilliantly.

Our Christmas performances will be held on Tuesday 14th December and villagers are welcome to attend the afternoon performance which starts at 2pm. Please telephone the school on 863189 if you would like to join us but need a lift to school. Refreshments will be served afterwards and there is a free hamper raffle for senior citizens.

All the children will be visiting the Royal and Dergate to see the Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, funded by our fantastic parents association ASPA. Two of the school are performing in this production so it is very exciting for us all.

During the holidays we will continue to make further improvements to the building and the junior toilets and cloakroom will be completely remodelled and refurbished. The infant classroom will be decorated and have new flooring.

The children will be in St Michael and All Angels on December 19th to participate in the Carol service at 10.30 am.

Thank you all for your continuing support for all school activities and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Sue Campbell and the staff and children of Ashton Primary School

Litter Picking in Ashton

The last litter picking took place on November 6th 2010. The area between the Old Crown and up Roade Hill was cleared. When the group got to the top of the hill they had a break and watched a steam train travel through (see what you missed).

The next litter picking will take place on January 15th 2011. Put it in your diary. Who knows what we may see.

Sandra Lemon 01604 863634

KICK OFF 2011

COME & CELEBRATE
NEW YEAR'S EVE
AT MENS OWN RFC, ASHTON

To help raise money for leukaemia research.



For tickets or more
information contact

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or email

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Family ticket £70 2+2

Adult £30

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THE
OLD CROWN 

LIVE MUSIC

FROM

HAEM

Thursday 23rd December
From 8pm



Christmas Tunes
&
Rock & Roll



From your District Councillor

As winter well and truly gets a grip we are bombarded in the media about all the doom and gloom surrounding the public spending cuts that have recently been announced. The population at large seems to agree that an attempt has to be made to bridge the £155 billion annual deficit but then everyone seems less enthusiastic when they are likely to be affected personally!

Here at South Nortants Council we are no different to anyone else and you may not know that about 75% of our income comes from central government grants. The grants have now been reduced by some 27% over the next four years, so consequently drastic action has to be taken to try to protect as far as possible the front line services we carry out.

Consequently we are in negotiations with Cherwell District Council to share management teams. This could, if successful, provide annual savings of around £360,000, which means that amount would not need to be found elsewhere in the organisation. At the time of writing this work is ongoing but nearing a conclusion. This will not solve all our problems and it is likely there will have to be cuts in the services we provide, but these will be kept to an absolute minimum.

The move, or potential move of the Council to new premises in Moat Lane in Towcester has caused a lot of debate and the issue was given a good airing in the SNC review which was distributed in the last week or so. I can always be contacted about these, or indeed any other issues affecting the village on 01604 864254.

Martin Wilson

The Old Crown - News

Quiz night on Sunday Dec 5th at 8 pm. Killer question over £400 must be won !!!!

Carols round the Christmas Tree in conjunction with the Parish Council on Sunday 12th from 6 pm (please bring a torch!) with mince pies all round, a few musicians, lots of singing and a Christmas tree with lights.

Music at The Old Crown on 23rd Dec (see poster)

Allotment

I have a strip of my garden that I don't use for anything (it's just mowed). It is about 22 yards long by 4 yards wide. I am considering giving someone from the village the option of using it as an allotment, in exchange for a vegetable or two now and again! There is a shed at the end of it, which could be nurtured back in to use, in which tools could be left.

Contact Lindsay Bramble on 01604 864511 at Manor Farm.

ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Bonfire night - Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's bonfire night. It was a really successful event and we raised enough money, once the money from buying the fireworks and other expenses had been taken out, to finance a new "Ashton" team kit! This means that every time the children represent the school in any sporting/team event, they can wear a special "Ashton" kit and be instantly recognised and also make them feel more of a team. The children wore the new kit last week at the Roade Cluster Cross country event, and although we didn't win, the runners did really well and certainly looked the best!! The rest of the money has gone towards subsidising exciting visits for the children, for example our latest Science trip to Snibston Discovery Centre.

However, the firework night would not take place if it wasn't for one particular member of the village, Bernard! Every year he and his team of helpers make the most fantastic bonfire and we are extremely grateful for all his hard work and support of the school. ASPA would like to thank him and his helpers for all they do. A particular thank you also to Alan Humphrey, who again, with Bernard, did the firework display and did a brilliant job! We are very grateful to them all.

Thanks also to Bex and Ian and everyone at the Old Crown for hosting the event and providing the food and drink. It was a great night! Also to all those who manned the gates and fence, sold raffle tickets, novelties, toffee apples, counted the money and to the children who made this year's Guy! And a final thank you to all of you who came! We hope you enjoyed it!

Christmas Family Disco - (see poster)

Nativity Play - Our school Nativity play "Hosannah Rock!" is on Tuesday 14th December and we do invite all members of the community to come to our afternoon performance at 2pm at the school. Don't forget, all Senior Citizens are given a free raffle ticket to win our Senior Citizens' Christmas hamper which will be drawn at the end of the performance while we serve you with refreshments. Do join us if you can!

Finally, thank you to everyone for supporting our village school. It has been lovely to welcome some new families to our school this year, both from Ashton and from Roade. New families to the school are always warmly welcome so do contact the school on 863189 if you would like to take a look around to see what we have to offer. We may be small, but the children have fantastic resources and opportunities and the adult to child ratio is impressive! The children are able to take part in so many things, which they might not be selected for in a larger school. We, as a parents association, feel we are very lucky to have this on our doorstep. The fundraising that we do, with your support, helps the school to provide many extra opportunities for our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

ASPA