

## 50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

### February 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £57.50 -Wendy Turvey  
2nd Prize £34.50 -Larissa Griffin  
3rd Prize £11.50 - Sue Mallock  
45 Ticket holders, £11.50 to the Xmas draw , now standing at £22.50  
£115.00 donated to the Church

### March 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £58.75 -Bron Kenny  
2nd Prize £35.25 -Delia Farrand  
3rd Prize £11.75 - Mike Learoyd  
46 Ticket holders, £11.75 to the Xmas draw , now standing at £34.25  
£117.50 donated to the Church

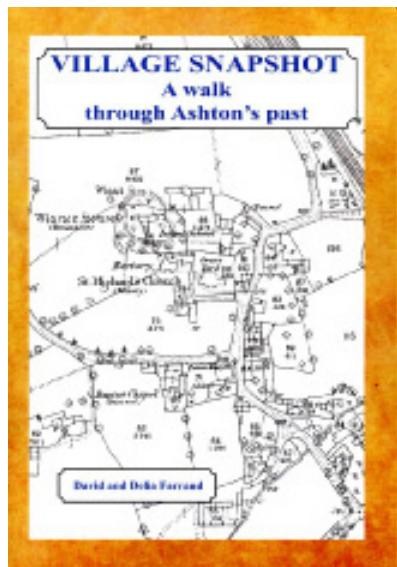
For more information, contact:  
*Bron Kenny ( 01604 864914 )*  
67 Stoke Road, Ashton  
[bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk)

## Bargains at Bernards Shop

>>> Freezer, 6 feet tall. £ 75  
>>> Fridge, under worktop £ 40  
>>> Washing machine £ 100

Tel: 07766664211

## Village Snapshot



Village Snapshot - A walk through Ashton's Past. If you missed the opportunity to buy your copy, there are still some available.

Contact Marion on 01604 864254

### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383  
Parish Council Clerk - Felicity Gardiner 862344  
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254  
Footpath Warden - Jeremy Roychoudhury 864306  
Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

Village Internet Site - [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

**Police** 03000 111 222 (999 in an emergency)  
**Police** <http://www.northants.police.uk>  
**Police Community Support Officer** -  
Tara Cooksammy:  
Direct line 03000 111 222 ( ext 3346 )  
Mobile 07919 043778  
E-mail - [tara.cooksammy@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tara.cooksammy@northants.pnn.police.uk)

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# ASHTON Village News

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## " Stand & Deliver"

## Parish Council Elections 5th May 2011

Do you want to do something positive for the community?  
Do you want to spend your time productively?  
Can you think, listen and act locally?



Am I Eligible to Stand?

Most people are. However there are a few rules. You have to be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union.
- 18 years old or older on the day you become nominated for election.

There are a few additional circumstances which may make you ineligible to stand.

For further details go to [www.stand-and-deliver.com](http://www.stand-and-deliver.com)

### The Deadline for nominations is the 4th April 2011.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and wish to be nominated, please contact Ashton Parish Clerk, Felicity Gardiner for more information.

Mrs Felicity Gardiner,  
14 Stoke Road, Ashton, Northampton, NN7 2JN

Tel : 01604 862344

Email: [felicity.gardiner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:felicity.gardiner@hotmail.co.uk)

## District Council

There has been a lot to report on the District Council front. First of all a matter which is actually at the door of the County Council bus services. There was a meeting in the village recently to discuss the future of the bus services in the light of rumoured cuts to the service.

The end result is that there will continue to be a service run by Stagecoach for initially a six month period. The service may be reduced somewhat in the evenings and weekends but there will be a service.

The Council tax bills have now been issued by South Northants Council and these show a zero increase for the Police, SNC and the County Council.

The Ashton precept has increased by 66% to pay for the renewal/upgrading of the street lighting in the village.

There will be elections in the village on May 5th. There may be three elections on the same day. There will definitely be one for the Alternative Voting system (AV) and there may be elections for the Parish Council and District Council but this depends on how many candidates put themselves forward for election.

At SNC there will be a new Chief Executive starting in May. This person will be the joint chief executive of SNC and Cherwell District Council following the decision to share senior management teams. This sharing will save SNC £360,000 in a full year - meaning other cuts of this amount have been avoided.

The Roadmaster plan has been passed and this sets out the plans for future development of Roade where there are a large number of brownfield sites. Although not an Ashton issue the spin off will of course be increased traffic in and around our village.

If anyone would like to discuss any of the above issues, or anything else I can be contacted on 864254.

*Martin Wilson-SNC District Councillor*



### **Saturday Drop In at the Knights' Hall Saturday April 16th & May 21st 10.30-12 noon**

We meet - usually on the 3rd Saturday of the month - for a chat and browse through the book collection we are building up.

The next Drop-In at the Knights Hall will be on **Saturday 16th April** and the following one will be on **Saturday 21st May** 10.30 to 12 noon. Why not call in for a coffee, a chat and a chance to buy a homemade cake and browse the book stock? We are building up a good supply of up-to-date novels and non-fiction and the books are only £1 each! We welcome any children's books you may have finished with - it would be lovely to start up a collection for the younger ones to choose. Hope to see you there!

*Wendy Turvey.*

## Ashton Old Crown

Just to remind you all our **Thai night** is coming up on **Thursday 31st March**. For more information, contact me either by email or phone to book a table.

### **Quiz Night Sunday 10th April - 8pm**

for more information contact: Bex Street, The Old Crown, Ashton  
Tel: 01604862268 email: bex@theoldcrownashton.co.uk

### **Danzels Ladies Social Group**

Meets at Vale Farmhouse, Stoke Rd,  
on the 1st Monday of each month 8pm til 10pm.

For details please contact  
Yvonne Hardman 07908031434  
email: yvonne.hardman@gmail.com  
1st meeting is free !



### **Children's Good Friday Workshop at**

St Mary's Church Hall, Roade -- 10am-12o'clock -- Good Friday, 22nd April. A variety of seasonal crafts for children of all ages to choose from. £1 donation All children from the village are invited to attend whether they go to the village school or not

### **Mothers' Day Family Service**

is on April 3rd at 10.30. As it is not our usual family week, we are fortunate to have David Holmes to take the service for us. The school children will be taking part, but everyone is welcome to come whichever school they attend.

### **The PCC Annual meeting**

will be on Tuesday 12th April at 12.30pm in the Knights' Hall. It will take the form of a light lunch, followed by the annual meeting, then a PCC meeting. Everyone is encouraged to come. This year Marion is stepping down as Church warden, so if you feel you could take over that position, please let Rev. Mike Burton or any member of the PCC know.

### **Coffee Morning**

at 2 Cooks Close on Friday April 8th. Bring and Buy, cakes, jams, raffle, good company. What more could you want? Proceeds to Church funds

## Ashton Bus Service

On behalf of Ashton Parish Council we have some new information regarding the local bus service.

Initially I contacted South Northants Council (SNC) Officer of Transport David Allen to invite him to a meeting at Ashton to give us some more information. He advised me the Bus service project is in the hands of the Principle Bus and Rail Development officer John Ellerby, Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)

Having spoken with John Ellerby and invited him and David Allen as a supporting party to a meeting at Ashton. He advised me on the telephone that a bus service through Ashton will continue as of Monday 21st March through the company Stage Coach on a 6 month contract at first. We will see a reduced service for example off peak times such as late evenings and weekends being less frequent. John has supplied me with a new time table and I will put this up on the bus timetable board.

John advised me that this matter is still being discussed at their meetings and further decisions about the cuts are yet to be made and information will be given out in time when available. John commented that the County Council have been surprised at the level of response to this subject and have been inundated with requests to attend Parish meetings. He said that time scales simply would not allow for the number of meetings at every parish so are looking into holding public consultations at venues such as Towcester and Northampton where we would be invited to attend. I will keep you informed of any further information on this.

The Parish Council have therefore decided not to hold an Extra meeting on this subject as at this point in time there is no further information to give. I would like to remind you that we have invited Councillor Bernard Ingram to our **11th May meeting** to continue discussions about the bus services. We will of course keep you up to date with any new information by email and on the notice boards and you are welcome to contact me with any further questions.

Regards

Felicity Gardiner, Clerk to Ashton Parish Council. 01604 862344

## Ashton Parent and Toddler Group

Ashton Parent and Toddler group meets at Ashton C of E Primary School on Thursday afternoons in term time, from 1.30 til 3.00 in the school hall.

All parents and carers welcome to come and bring their babies and toddlers. Come and have a coffee and a chat while the children play. Just turn up or ring the school (861389) for more information.

# THE OLD CROWN, ASHTON ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Join the village at The Old Crown for a day of fun events for all the family to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

## FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011

Free entry from 12 midday



Cream Teas & Cakes

**BARBEQUE**



*Beer & Pimms Tent*

CHILDRENS RACES & BEST CROWN COMPETITION 1400-1500  
BEST HOMEMADE CROWN COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING

### TUG OF WAR 1500



Live music 1600

## And much, much more.....

PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH THE VILLAGE  
ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO ROYAL BRITISH  
LEIGION

WE NEED RAFFLE PRIZES, CAKES & VOLUNTEERS

Please contact us for more details 01604 862268

