

## 50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

### June 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £58.75 -Anne Sale  
2nd Prize £35.25 -Sue Mallock  
3rd Prize £11.75 - Delia Farrand  
47 Ticket holders, £11.75 to the Xmas  
draw, now standing at £69.50  
£117.50 donated to the Church

For more information, contact:  
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## Future of Hut Land

At the last Parish Council meeting, uses for the Hut land were discussed. It has been decided that the land should be cleared so that the size of the plot can be made clear.

On **Saturday 16 July** starting at **1pm** volunteers will help to clear the land. Please come along bringing strimmers, scythes, clippers and gloves to tackle the brambles and nettles.

### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Terry Turvey 863627  
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)

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## Ashton Parish Council

Next meeting  
13 July from 7:15 pm  
at the school

# DamZels



Next meeting 5 September from 8 pm

Your first meeting is free.

We meet on the first Monday of each month for informal chat where we aim to learn something new or to be inspired! There are also walks, theatre trips and meals out.

## Afternoon tea

In aid of charity  
on **24 August**

More details in next AVN

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## Bar-b-q and Pool Party

Sunday 17 July from 12.30 to 4.00pm

At Kassen, Stoke Road, Ashton  
(by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Skinner)

Tickets £6 (adults), £2.50 (children)  
from Bron (864914) Ann (862975) Marion (864254)  
Ticket includes food, soft drinks and swimming

Please bring your own stronger drinks

In aid of Church Funds

## Buffet Al Fresco and Snooker Tournament

Sunday Lunch 7 August from 1pm

at Vale Farmhouse, Stoke Road

A wide variety of assorted salads and dishes  
to suit all tastes (and most dietary requirements)  
Delicious desserts

Lovely surroundings

Tickets £6 (adults) £1(children)  
from Bron (864914) Marion (864254) Ann (862975)

Drinks available

In aid of Church funds

## ASHTON SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks!

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Wilson and husband Bobby who had twin boys, Archie and Alfie, over half term. They are all doing well. Miss Julie Nelson is teaching the infant class while Mrs Wilson is on maternity leave and we extend a warm welcome to her.

We had a visit from the Sikh education officer from Northampton, Mr Harkirat Singh. He talked to the whole school about being a Sikh and then the classes learned more about Sikhism in some workshops.

Some of the Juniors took part in the Roade Cluster cricket competition at Roade Secondary School. The children played really well and showed fantastic team spirit. We came first in the small schools group which was brilliant!

The Junior class went on a 3 night residential to Langdale Youth Hostel in the Lake District last week. We all had a good time, building shelters, lighting fires, doing team challenges and going on walks. We are now all recovering!

This coming Friday (8th) is our sports day- the children will be competing in traditional races from 1.30-3.15 on the field. This will be followed by a BBQ and stalls at the Old Crown. All are very welcome to come and support us. There will be a race for toddlers and pre-school children too.

On Tuesday 19th July we shall be putting on an end of term concert. All villagers are welcome to come to our afternoon performance in the hall at 2.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments.

Thank you to all those who have supported the school this year and helped in any way. We would love to see you at the Sports Day and the concert.

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### Saturday Drop In at the Knights' Hall from 10:30 until 12:00



The next Drop-In at The Knight's Hall will be Saturday 16th June. Many thanks for the tremendous response to the appeal for up to date novels and non-fiction books. We still need more children's titles but a slow but sure trickle is coming in - thank you.

We are now averaging about fifteen villagers each time 'dropping in' for a few minutes for a quick coffee or a longer stay to browse through the books. Please join us on 16th and on 20th August. The September Saturday will be a week earlier on 10th to coincide with an exciting event - more news on this later!

Wendy Turvey 01604 863 627

## Ashton Playing Field Committee

There will be a meeting to form an Ashton Playing Field Committee to raise funds and acquire play equipment for the playing field behind the Old Crown.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:30 pm in the Old Crown.

All interested people are invited. There will be other meetings if you are unable to attend this one.

For more information contact Anne Ramsden on 864971 or Sandra Lemon on 863634

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## The Knights' Hall

Since the Knights' Hall was opened in July 2009, it has been used for a variety of purposes. Apart from having refreshments after Church services, there have been coffee mornings, meetings for private groups, a yoga session, a private "Murder and Mystery" party (and where could be better than that for a venue?), a village supper, beetle drive and pancake party and, of course, Damzels started off there as well.

The monthly "Drop-ins" held on the third Saturday of each month are becoming popular, with a wide choice of books available to buy or borrow and always someone there for a chat. The school has also made good use of the space by holding assemblies there to which everyone in the village is invited and refreshments are served by the children afterwards.

The grant from Heritage Lottery Fund was given to us on the specific understanding that Ashton residents should be provided with a communal meeting space and the PCC are very pleased that this criterion has been met in full. The project which was funded by the HLF is now completed and has come in under budget. Unfortunately this means that all unspent monies have to be returned. The money was given to conserve the effigies, present the Roots 2009 weekend, convert the North aisle of the Church into the Knights' Hall and to produce the Village Snapshot book. We are unable to use any left over money for anything else, either in the Church or village. It has been a very long process, but most people are very pleased with the result. There have been many visitors, some from as far away as Australia and America, who have come specifically to see where their ancestors came from. All of them have been very impressed by the rural charm of the village and particularly the Church and grounds. It is something of which all Ashton residents can be proud and it does belong to the whole village.

If you are interested in using the Knights' Hall for a function, please contact the booking secretary. It is obviously not suitable as a venue for all occasions, but there are many events for which it is ideal.

Booking Secretary Marion Wilson 864254