

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

August 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £62.50 - Andy Medhurst
2nd Prize £37.50 - Ann Lamb
3rd Prize £12.50 - Terry Turvey
50 Ticket holders, £12.50 to the Xmas draw, now standing at £94.25
£122.50 donated to the Church

September 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £62.50 - Carol Billings
2nd Prize £37.50 - Wendy Turvey
3rd Prize £12.50 - Marion O'Meara
50 Ticket holders, £12.50 to the Xmas draw, now standing at £106.75,
£125.00 donated to the Church

October 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £63.75 - Evie Laidler
2nd Prize £38.25 - Marion O'Meara
3rd Prize £12.75 - Larissa Griffin
51 Ticket holders, £12.75 to the Xmas draw, now standing at £119.50,
£127.50 donated to the Church

For more information, contact:
Bron Kenny (01604 864914)
67 Stoke Road, Ashton

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

Articles for A.V.N. to David Farrand, 20 Hartwell Road Telephone 863225 or david@farrand.co.uk

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Damzels Ladies Social Group

Next meeting 7 November from 8 pm

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. For details please contact

Yvonne Hardman 07908 031434
email: yvonne.hardman@gmail.com.

Saturday "Drop In"

The next Drop-In at the Knights Hall will be on 19th November 10.30 to Noon. Why not call in for a coffee, a chat and a chance to buy a homemade cake and browse our book stock? Hope to see you there! For more information call Wendy Turvey. 863 627

Parish Council News

The street lighting replacement works are due to commence week beginning 24th October.

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**ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION, THE OLD CROWN AND
ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL PRESENT**

ASHTON ANNUAL BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 5th November

The Old Crown, Ashton

Bonfire Lit 6:15 Fireworks 7:00

HOT
FOOD

GLOWING
NOVELTIES
FOR SALE!

FANTASTIC
FIREWORK
DISPLAY!

INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE
BAR!

Entrance
Adults: **£2.50**
Children: **£1.50**

RAFFLE

**ENTRANCE
PRICES HELD
FOR THE 10TH
YEAR IN A
ROW!**

Men's Own Rugby Club



Hall for Hire:

The newly refurbished clubhouse is the ideal place to host your next event. Whether it be a celebration party, corporate meeting or community project the Mens Own RFC can suit your requirements. Situated in the idyllic tranquil surroundings we can offer a fully licensed bar, 11 acres of playing fields, catering facilities, ample parking, disabled and baby change facilities and that all important wi-fi connection.

For more information please contact the booking secretary Mrs Joanna Hill 07779 061328.

Come and Play Rugby:

Aged between 7 and 17? Why not come and play rugby. We meet on every Sunday 10:30 - 12:00pm. Mens Own support sport in the community and have RFU fully qualified Coaches working closely with Hartwell School with after-school training sessions for year 4, 5 and 6 on Tuesday 3:30 - 4:15 and years 2 and 3 on Wednesday 3:30 - 4:00.

Any level of ability and age are welcome at Mens Own, whether its to join the mini/juniors on a Sunday morning or the senior teams and be made to feel welcome in our friendly family clubhouse. We have a fully licensed bar as well as selling hot drinks and food.

For further club details, fixture lists and summer training dates, please visit: www.pitchero.com/clubs/northamptonmensown, or call Mike Northall on 01604 863605 for the senior team or Angela Birch on 07747 447452 for the mini/juniors.

Friends of Ashton Church Group

Some residents of Ashton have formed a group to support Ashton Church. We are not all regular worshipers but we feel that the church is an important part of the village and we would not like to see it close, sold or made into a warehouse or other.

The church members worked hard to acquire funding for a re-ordering a few years ago but this money was ring fenced and any funding left over had to be returned so there was nothing left for upkeep. All churches also have to pay a share of the Parish Share, (which all goes to keeping your Rector in post) which in the case of Ashton Church, amounts to £4,000 per annum. The Friends of Ashton Church intend to find interesting projects and ideas not just to raise funds for the Church, but also to improve the building and environs and make more use of it for the community.

If you would like to be part of this exciting group or if you have ideas for fund raising or something you would like to see happen please get in touch with either the Rev. Mike Burton – 01604 862284 or Sandra Lemon – 01604 863634 or come along to the Old Crown on Tuesday November 1st at 7:30 pm to our first meeting.

The Afternoon at Ashton Book Club

There is now an afternoon book club in the village. We meet on the second Thursday in the month at 31 Stoke Road. The meetings start at 2pm and all are welcome. The book we will be reading for the next meeting on 10 November is *The Sense of an Ending* by JULIAN BARNES.

For further information contact either:

Pauline Green on 01604 863641 or Sandra Lemon on 01604 863634

Ashton Church of England Primary School

We have had a very busy half term and seen our number on roll rise to 40. Trips to Oxford, Duxford and Holdenby House have taken place to support work on Dinosaurs in the infant class and World War Two in the junior class. All the children had an amazing day making dinosaurs from junk, led by Anthony James. His huge monsters made a fantastic display in the hall!

New benches and seating have been purchased for the playground and ASPA have provided new maths textbooks and equipment for both classes and a CD player as well as subsidising trips.

The junior class are part of a very exciting project sponsored by The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts- Great Art Quest. We are one of 16 schools across the country working with a local gallery, local artists and storytellers. We are working with Milton Keynes Gallery and the other galleries involved are Tate, St Ives, Turner Contemporary, Margate and Dulwich Picture Gallery. The work produced by the junior class will be on display in January.

We hope to boost ASPA funds through our annual Bonfire and firework display on Saturday 5th November. The Christmas Disco will be held at Men's Own on Friday 2nd December.

Members of the community are very welcome to join us for the afternoon performance of our Nativity play 'Born in a Barn' at 2pm on Tuesday 13th December. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend and need transport please telephone the school on 863189.

Roade Library

We have thousands of books, audio books and DVDs for you to choose from. Why not drop in and visit us.

We can also offer a Mobile Library service and a Home Library Service. For more information on our services, Contact us at : Roade Library, High Street, Roade, tel: 01604 863783, email: roadelib@northamptonshire.gov.uk

The 3rd Annual Ashton Pumpkin Festival

31 October 2011, Stoke Road Green, Start time 6 pm
Everyone welcome

Please bring your Jack O'Lantern for display, We will provide warm spicy apple juice to drink. All cakes and nibbles welcome.

This is a free community event and it is lovely to join in, admire the Jack O'Lanterns and fancy dress, meet with neighbours and friends and have a pleasant time. So do come along.

We have suggested that if you wish a trick or treat visit please put out a Jack O'Lantern or a pumpkin poster in your window.

Posters from Sandra Lemon - 863634



Ashton Village Music

Following the very successful opening event, this month's Ashton Village Music will take place on November 7th at the Rugby Club. Doors open a 7:30. See www.ashtonvillagemusic.co.uk for further info.

Ashton Bonfire - November 5th

If you have any materials, garden rubbish etc, for the bonfire please deliver them to the playing field (behind the Old Crown) **BEFORE** Wednesday 2 November.

NO nasty materials please - plastic, rubber, wet leaves or grass

For more information call Bernard Day 077 6666 4211



Coffee Morning - Tuesday 8 November

The Ashton November Coffee Morning will be on 8 November 10.30 until 12 noon. It will be at Bron's house, 67 Stoke Road. There will be a Bring and Buy, plus cakes and a raffle.

Perhaps you would like to bring someone who hasn't been before. It is always a friendly occasion and a good opportunity to find out the latest village news. For more information call Bron 01604 864 914

Every body is very welcome.



Guerrilla Gardeners and Grave Adopting

A small group of villagers have begun guerrilla gardening to tidy up and improve the public spaces and verges in Ashton. They have also adopted uncared for graves in the churchyard to improve the view and respect those of Ashton's past.

We usually meet up and garden on a Wednesday morning but we have a very flexible schedule. If you do not have the time or the energy but have spare plants, seeds or bulbs they would be appreciated. If you have time and are interested in joining us please contact Sandra on 863634.

Men's Own Rugby Club and Dog Walkers

The Men's Own Rugby Club are asking that people walking their dogs in the area recognize that the field is used for playing rugby by adults and young people. Many of the local youngsters are learning to play the game at the club. Having the field fouled by dogs not only unpleasant but also a health hazard.

Would people with dogs please refrain from allowing their dogs to defecate on the field and in the event of an 'accident' please remove the offending material.

Ashton Yoga Class

Don't forget our yoga class for the village at the Men's Own Rugby Club every Wednesday evening, from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

Please contact Pauline Green for more information on 01604 863 641. All welcome

Queen's Jubilee 2012

We are holding a meeting to start planning for the Queen's Jubilee celebration in 2012.

We will meet in the Old Crown on **Wednesday 3 November at 7:30 pm.**

We are looking for ideas to celebrate this event in Ashton and also those who would be willing to help. All welcome

For more information contact Sandra Lemon on 01604 863634



Ashton Parish Clerk Vacancy

3.5 hours per week. £8.35 per hour Work from Home.

Ashton Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial officer to support the Parish Council. The right applicant would be experienced but training can be offered to the person with the enthusiasm to learn.

The Parish Clerk will be responsible for the administration of the business and finances of the Parish Council. The post includes some evening work when attending Council meetings. He or she must be computer literate, with good communication skills, friendly with a positive outlook is essential. **Closing date: 8th November 2011**

Please send your CV to: Mr Terry Turvey
8 St Michaels Court, Ashton, Northampton, NN7 2PP
Tel: 01604 863627, Email: terrywendy@yahoo.co.uk

Old Crown News

We are really pleased to announce the reopening of The Old Crown kitchen, after two weeks of closure due to essential structural works. It has been a bit chaotic, but at last the work is done and we are serving food again We have a new menu to go with our new kitchen and hope you will all come to test it out soon.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of our Halloween Quiz on Sunday 30th October (fancy dress optional!), starting at 8pm.

Also due to the resounding success of the last Pie Night we are holding another one on Thursday 17th November, please let me know asap if you would like a table.

We will be hosting our annual Bonfire night on Saturday 5th November, with all the entrance money going to Ashton Primary School.

Our Christmas menu is now available, Unfortunately Christmas Day is already fully booked. Any party bookings please contact me.

Also my band is playing in the pub on December 23rd!! We are called "Dual" and play a bit of everything from Country to Rockn'Roll !!

We will be holding a "Poachers Night" on January 26th, showcasing local game and traditional puddings! Bookings now being taken.

For celebrating New years Eve we are hosting The Old Crown "Fairy Tales Fancy Dress" there will be prizes for the Best Dressed. Children are welcome until 9pm. There will be a Buffet and music. The entry is FREE.
Hope to see you all very soon at The Old Crown.

Bex Street
The Old Crown, Ashton. 01604862268 bex@theoldcrownashton.co.uk

Join The Ashton Village Email List

if you want to keep up to date with all the events and news in Ashton and receive an emailed copy of the Parish Council minutes, why not add yourself to the village email list. Simply send your email address to ashtonvillage@hotmail.co.uk and we will add your name to the list. Neil Shanahan 07917 426 481 or Wendy Turvey 01604 863 627

Ashton Village - Email List Confusion

There has been some confusion in recent weeks as many receiving the email news from ashtonvillage@hotmail.co.uk believe that it is sent from Dave & Dee Farrand. The following may clear up this confusion:

(A) The ashtonvillage@hotmail.co.uk emails are sent by Neil Shanahan or Wendy Turvey and usually have upcoming Church news and events, along with emailed minutes from the Ashton Parish Council.

(B) Dave and Dee Farrand provide a wider coverage of village news with the "Ashton Village News" (AVN) (Started June 1992) paper newsletter posted free to every household in the village and the "Ashton Village website" www.ashtonvillage.co.uk (Started 1996). Both are updated on a regular basis every 4-6 weeks or so.

For many years we have provided an emailed village news service, sending a requested emailed copy of the Ashton Village News to those who live outside the village both nationally and internationally. We have considered providing this service for those in the village but have found that most people we surveyed preferred a paper copy. However should anyone wish to receive an emailed copy of the AVN do contact me requesting to be added to the AVN list at david@farrand.co.uk or call me on 01604 863225.

Copies of all our back issues (all 126 issues and counting) of the AVN can be downloaded (often in glorious colour) from our village web site www.ashtonvillage.co.uk as can past minutes of the Parish Council and much much more.

For more information call Dave Farrand on 01604 863225 or email me at: david@farrand.co.uk.

Hut Land Questionnaire

The village owns a strip of land adjacent to the railway bridge on Hartwell Road, which has been unused or many years. In a public meeting held by the Parish Council on the 15 June, there were many suggestion regarding the future use of this land.

We will be sending a questionnaire to every household asking for your views on this very important matter. We ask that you complete the form within the following 2-3 days so that it can be collected. This will allow us to better understand the views of the village. For more information call **Dave Farrand on 01604 863225 or Sandra Lemon on 01604 863634**