

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

November 2011 DRAW

1st Prize £65.00 - Alan & Rosie Sharp
2nd Prize £39.00 - Andrew Fowler
3rd Prize £13.00 - Peter McLearn
52 Ticket holders, £13.00 to the Xmas draw, now standing at £130.50, £130.00 donated to the Church

For more information, contact:
Bron Kenny (01604 864914)
67 Stoke Road, Ashton
bronnenny@tiscali.co.uk

Zoe Downes Cleaning

- Small family business
- Public Liability Insurance
- Regular cleans or one-offs
- Ironing (drop it off or done in your own home)

The same experienced cleaner will call each week

Tel: 01604 713747
Mobile: 07866 159 237
zoe@zoedownescleaning.co.uk

DamZels



DamZels Ladies Social Group

Next meeting 6 February from 8 pm

Please note. There is **NO DamZels in January**. The next meeting on 1st Monday in Feb as it is each month. First meeting free !

We meet on the first Monday of each month for informal chats 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.

Parish Council News

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **14 December at 07.15 pm** at the School. Please note the meetings will be held second Wednesday of every month.

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

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

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Family Christmas Disco

AT ASHTON MENS' OWN RUGBY CLUB

ADULTS £2
CHILDREN £1

7PM - 11PM



With DJ Terry Gaffee

HAMPER RAFFLE - CHOCOLATE RAFFLE - TIPPLE RAFFLE - KIDS PARTY

LICENSED BAR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND

Christmas Tree Auction

ASPA have purchased 50 miniature Christmas Trees they plan to decorate and auction off at the Carol service in the Church on December 18th. The Trees will be offered to the children in the school to decorate (one per family) and any other families or groups who might like to join in the fun. The money raised will be shared between the school and the church.

If you are interested in having a tree please contact:

Alex Hawkins on alex-yvie@hotmail.co.uk or

Sandra Lemon on Sandra_lemon_uk@yahoo.co.uk or 07870588657

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be June 2nd to 5th 2012. A meeting to begin planning for the event was held and the following plans were made:

- Saturday evening June 2nd – Barn Dance at the Men's Own Rugby Club
- Sunday evening June 3rd – Jubilee Quiz at the Old Crown
- Monday afternoon June 4th – Picnic on the Recreation Ground with Music
- Tuesday afternoon June 5th – Garden Party at The Old Crown

Details of these events will be announced. Anyone with further ideas or offers of help please get in touch with Dave Farrand or Sandra Lemon

Pumpkin Festival

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Pumpkin Festival this year. We had a great turn out. Special thanks go to Alan, Helene and Monty Lee for lending their Marque, to the Zannotta family for the sheep hurdles and to the parish council for providing insurance cover.

Afternoon Teas at Knights' Hall

Afternoon Teas with mince pies will be served at The Knights' Hall on **Wednesday 14th December from 3-4.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Why not collect the children from school and bring them along as well?

There will be tables available for them to make their own Christmas cards. Get into the Christmas Spirit!

Ashton School Parents Association

Bonfire night

Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's Bonfire night. It was a very enjoyable evening. This year ASPA spent £700 on fireworks and we hope you agree it was a fantastic display. Our special thanks go to Bernard and his team for a brilliant bonfire and to Bernard, Alan and Mike for organising and setting off the fireworks. Thanks also to The Old Crown for hosting the event. Although it was not as busy as last year (probably due to Hartwell this year doing a display on the same night!!) it went some way to financing our new maths scheme.

Christmas Disco

Friday 2nd December 7-11pm at Men's Own Rugby Club

We do hope many of you will be able to make our Family Christmas Disco at the Rugby Club. As usual the DJ will be Terry Gaffee who always gives everyone a good time. Bring along the whole family for a fun night out. Entrance £2 adults, £1 children, under 5s free. Hamper raffle, Chocolate and Tipple raffles, Kids party bags, licensed bar.

Carol Singing- Tuesday 20th December

This year some parents and children will be going carol singing round the village on the evening of Tuesday 20th December, between 6.30 and 7.30. This will be in aid of The Hope Centre in Northampton. We hope you won't mind us knocking on your door! We will then end up at the Old Crown at 7.30 to join them for carols round the tree.

Thank you friends of Ashton Church

The PCC are very grateful to the band of friends of Ashton Church who went in and made such a marvellous job of cleaning for us. The floor has never been so clean, nor the brass and pews so polished! For many years now PCC members have struggled to keep the Church clean and tidy, but as our numbers have dwindled, it has become more and more difficult to keep it as we would like. It is wonderful that other people, although they may not share our beliefs, recognise that our Church is an important part of the village and our heritage, and are willing to help keep it in good condition. Thank you very much.

Marion Wilson

Road Factory Site - Development Plans

Plans have been lodged with South Northants Council (SNC) with the proposed development of Road Factory site along Ashton Road, Roade. Visit SNC, Towcester or view on the SNC planning web site for more details.

Ashton Village Music

Following the very successful opening event, this month's Ashton Village Music will take place on **Monday December 5th**, next month **Monday 2nd January** (and every first Monday of the month) at the Rugby Club. **Doors open a 7:30.**

The event is **FREE** to attend, the **Bar** is open and **ALL** are welcome, audience and performers alike. See www.ashtonvillagemusic.co.uk for further information.

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

Ashton Village News - Donation

Dave & Dee Farrand would like to thank Bernard Ingram (County Councillor for the Roade Division) for arranging a donation from Northamptonshire County Council towards our newsletter printing costs.

We started Ashton Village News (AVN) almost twenty years ago as a simple paper newsletter posted free to every household in Ashton on a regular basis every 4-6 weeks or so. We have always funded the printing costs, either ourselves or through donations from the village. Recently our AVN printing funds were almost depleted and so this kind donation is much appreciated and should keep us going for some time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following. Those people (mostly Ashton pensioners) who have regularly supported the AVN with small donations over the years. Ashton Parish Council, ASPA and Ashton Church have helped out with donations from time to time. Finally the kind Ashton couple, who within hours of hearing that our ancient laser printer had failed (half way through printing the AVN), turned up at our door with a new 'office quality' printer which they had purchased for us. Thank you both. You know who you are. Thank you for your continuing support.

Ashton Church of England Primary School - Christmas Production

Christmas activities are well underway in school with rehearsals for the Christmas production in full swing. **Performances of 'Born in a Barn' will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 2pm and 6.30pm.**

Members of the local community are very welcome to join us for the afternoon performance where refreshments will be served and a free raffle for senior citizens will take place. If you would like to come and see the performance but need transport then please contact the school on 863189.

Hut Land Questionnaire Survey - Results

The questionnaires were delivered to a total of 142 households in Ashton. Of these 78 households completed and returned their forms to us. As we received over a 50% response to the questionnaire, it shows the strength of feeling held by the village of over this matter.

- **Most people (62.8%) did not want the land to be sold**, 29.5% did and 6.4% were not sure.
- **If the land was sold then most people (61.5%) did not want the money invested in a new village hall**, as most suggested that the village had the use of the Church (Knights' Hall), the Rugby club, school or Old Crown for events.
- **If the land was sold, the most popular option was to spend it on a new playground (50%)** followed by helping the Elderly of the village (39.7%).
- **If the land was not sold, the majority suggested that it should be used for allotments or Orchard (52.6%)**, followed by a 'Pocket Park'.
- Asked if they were prepared to help with the maintenance of the land, 44 households responded with a firm yes or 'maybe'.

We hope that the current 'Hut Land' charity trustees, along with Ashton Parish Council take into account the response to this Questionnaire survey of the village when making their decision regarding the future of the 'Hut Land'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Hut Land trustees who have spent time and effort looking after the Hut Land charity over many years for the village. A report and full analysis of the data has been provided to the Trustees and the Parish Council, and will also be made available to those who are interested. Thank you to all those who took part.

David Farrand & Sandra Lemon

Hut Land - The Old Crown Letter of Support

Overall a concerted and focused effort on getting people informed about a potentially great benefit to the village as a whole is, in our opinion, the best way to proceed.

As a demonstration of helping where we can, we are prepared to provide those who help for a few hours on the Hut land, a bowl of soup and a roll for lunch in the pub free of charge. We look forward with great relish to the prospect of getting something decent done for the whole village.

Regards, Bex, Ian and Molly Street. (The Old Crown)

Ashton Email List Misunderstanding

I want to correct a misunderstanding that appeared in the last edition of the Ashton Village News. The AVN news incorrectly stated that this village email list covers mainly "upcoming church news and events". This is not the case - this email list has been set up to publicise all events that might be of interest to Ashton residents.

Do let us know if you are running an event that you would like to be publicised using this list. Details of upcoming church news & events can be found in the "Share" newsletter which can be obtained from Bernard Day rather than via this email service. If you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please email ashtonvillage@hotmail.co.uk

Neil Shanahan

Parish Council Minutes

Parish Council minutes are available from www.ashtonvillage.co.uk, the village notice boards, The Old Crown and by email from ashtonvillage@hotmail.co.uk.

Church - Christmas Decoration

We will meet in the Church on Friday 16th December to decorate for Christmas. All donations of greenery and / or flowers will be gratefully received. Coffee and biscuits supplied. We aim to finish by 12.00 noon. Contact Marion Wilson 01604 864 254

Christmas "Saturday Drop In"

The Christmas Drop-In will be on **Saturday 17th December** at the Knight's Hall inside the church from 10.30 to noon. As well as coffee etc we will also be serving mince pies and mulled wine to celebrate the season.

You might even pick up a last minute book bargain to put in a loved one's stocking! There will be the usual delicious cakes for sale and everyone is assured of a very warm welcome.

For more information call
Wendy Turvey. 863 627

Christmas Tree Decorating - Stoke Road Green

Don't forget the annual Christmas tree decorating event at Stoke Road Green. Bring along your unwanted decorations and help us out.

Sunday afternoon, December 18th at 2.00pm. All welcome - we look forward to seeing you there.

Old Crown Events

There is lots going on at the Old Crown over the next few weeks so here are some dates for your diary.

- Ashton School and the Old Crown would like to invite you to join them for **Carols under the Christmas tree** - 20 December. Meet at the Old Crown at 6.30pm and spread the song around the village. We will finish at the Old Crown with mince pies and hot chocolate at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.
- The old codgers and bright young things, also known as **THE BAND**, are playing in the pub on December 23rd from 8.30pm, but get there for 8.00pm as we'll sound far better after a drink!. We play a bit of everything from Country to Rock'n'Roll.
- Our Christmas menu is now available, Unfortunately Christmas Day is already fully booked. Any party bookings please contact us.
- 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 music and a free Buffet at 11.00. The entry is FREE.
- A new event, a **Film Club** - 15 January at 7.00 pm
- Our ever popular **Quiz night** - 22 January at 8.00pm
- We will be holding a "**Poachers Night**" on January 26th, showcasing local game and traditional puddings! Bookings now being taken.

Ian and I hope to see you all very soon at The Old Crown.

Bex and Ian Street

The Old Crown, Ashton.

01604862268

bex@theoldcrownashton.co.uk

Local Wind Farm - Application No S/2011/1421/MAF

As most people in the village know, there are three Wind farm developments proposed in close proximity to Ashton. The closest farm to Ashton, located approximately 1 mile from the village between Roade and Salcey Forest, has applied for permission to develop the site with nine wind turbines each at a height of 90 metres, with supporting infrastructure, that would be easily seen from Roade Hill.

If you want to make your views heard, contact :

Development Management, Development Services, South Northamptonshire Council, Springfields, Towcester, NN12 6AE. planning@Southnorthants.gov.uk

Telephone: (01327) 322 237

We have also placed some information on www.ashtonvillage.co.uk. More will be added shortly.