

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

January 2012 DRAW

1st Prize £66.25 - Susan Parrington
2nd Prize £39.75 - Nigel Prescott
3rd Prize £13.25 - Lloyd Wilson
53 Ticket holders, £13.25 to the 2012
Xmas draw
£132.50 donated to the Church

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DamZels Ladies Social Group

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 8 pm 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
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Unwanted Spectacles

I am making an appeal on behalf of a friend to collect as many pairs of unwanted reading spectacles as possible.. She takes them to Sri Lanka, giving free eye tests and where suitable your unwanted specs. All donations will be much appreciated and can be dropped off at my house.

Andy Medhurst, 17 Hartwell Road, Ashton

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Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is at the Nevisons (69 Stoke Rd)

on **Tues 13 March** from **10.30am -12 noon**

Usual cakes, raffle and bring and buy.
The last one at Marcia's was very well attended.

Ashton Playground Committee

The Ashton Playground Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday 22 February** at **8pm** in **The Old Crown**. This meeting will be to plan fund raising events to enable us to buy equipment for the children to use on the recreation ground. We would welcome anyone with energy, ideas or knowledge that would help us in our quest.

Ashton Village Music is on the first Monday of every month.
<http://www.ashtonvillagemusic.co.uk/>

The latest videos from February's performances can be viewed here:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AshtonVillageMusic/videos>

Next meeting **Monday 5 March**, Ashton Rugby Club from **7:30 pm**

The event is FREE to attend, the BAR is open and ALL are welcome, audience and performers alike.

Rosemary and Bryan would very much like to thank all our village neighbours and friends who have been very kind to us before and after the operation.

Very many thanks
Rosemary and Bryan Skinner

St Michael and All Angels

Vision for 2011 - 2016 Action Plan for 2012

Introduction by the Rector - It's good to see where you are going in life...some of you will remember the introduction of 'cats eyes' on our roads many years ago!! Vision and effective planning for the way ahead is important, whether personally, or as a group-even a church! At St. Michael and All Angels we want to be more involved in supporting our village community and to be far more accessible. Last October our PCC shared a vision day to develop a 5-year vision and produce the first year's 'Growth Action Plan' (GAP). This plan will be reviewed at the end of the year and developed for 2013. Remember St Michael and All Angels is your Parish church - your presence and ideas are always welcome.

Our 5-year Vision - The heart of our vision is service to the village community now that we have a re-ordered church building, including the Knights' Hall. We want to see the community using this space in a creative and fruitful way. The creation of a 'Friends Scheme' is also an integral part of this vision encouraging the village to own their Parish church with its rich history and future possibilities. We want people to feel much more connected with their church. Building on a variety of worship already on offer, we want to audit and reshape them where necessary, so as to be more attractive and relevant to the wider community (and especially families with children). Our intention is to retain a balance between traditional and contemporary/informal worship so that everyone feels included.

Our Action Plan for 2012 - To organise a meeting between members of the PCC and interested villagers to discuss ideas and listen to each other; with a view to forming a 'Friends Scheme'. Such a scheme may generate :-

- 1) Greater use of the church
- 2) Offers of help with work inside Knights Hall and outside the church building
- 3) Fundraising ideas
- 4) Wider involvement in worship activities

Form a Worship Team under the auspices of the PCC. Initially to audit our existing worship activities and reshape where it is necessary.

Subsequently to monitor progress at least annually. Members of the team are to be drawn from the PCC, Sunday school and Primary school. The team will also facilitate greater integration of ideas, themes and music between Primary school, Sunday school and the All Age service.

Distribution of a village questionnaire will help shape our planning.

Review - Our action plan for this year will be reviewed in 12 months time, to evaluate progress.

Children's Craft Workshop at St Mary's Church Hall, Roade on Good Friday, 6 April from 10 am-12 noon.

All children are welcome. A very popular event which up to 35 children attend. A small charge is made to cover materials. Booking not necessary, just turn up.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee are moving on and we would love to hear from villagers with offers of help and/or requests for events.

You can get in touch with either David Farrand on 863225 or Sandra Lemon on 863634.

Christmas Tree Auction and Village Carols

Thank you everyone who took part in these events. Singing carols around the village was great fun and raised £120 for the Hope Centre in Northampton. We started and ended at The Old Crown and were treated to mince pies and a drink by Bex and Ian.

The Auction of Christmas Trees at the Church followed the Carol Service and raised £130. This was divided between the School and the Church. The trees were decorated by the children in the school and by some families in the village. They looked lovely. Special thanks go to Yvie Mae, Zoe, Cara and Erin, also Alex and Heather for their help in making the ornaments for the trees.

The Old Crown

FILM CLUB We are showing "Frost Nixon" on Sunday 19 February at 7pm.

We plan to show a film a month of all different genres and ages, chosen by the members of the Film Club. There will be opportunities to discuss what we have seen for those who are interested. Oh and plenty of popcorn, so we hope to see lots of you there.

QUIZ NIGHT Sunday 26 February at 8pm

PIE NIGHT Thursday 1 March (booking required)

MOTHERS DAY Sunday 18 March (early booking advisable)

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