

## DOGS ' GOTTA BARK - (OR HAVE THEY)?

I recollect reading in a previous edition of the Village News about dog owners who don't clear up after their dogs, whilst their dogs on walks, do what comes naturally. Selfish as this is, where I live in the village, it is not dogs "messaging" but dogs barking that keeps me awake at night. And believe me, they really do keep me awake! Don't get me wrong, just as fish ' gotta swim and birds 'gotta sing, I do know that dogs need to bark. My problem, or rather that of my young family, is how often they bark and at what times of the day.

Many of our dog owning neighbours, of which there are many, seem totally oblivious to the fact that as a young family, we have children who go to bed at set times. We have one neighbour who makes a 7-30 p.m. bed time for my youngest child simply impossible by allowing their dog to bark incessantly, often past 9-00 p.m. at night. We have another neighbour, whose dog, kept outside, simply barks at anything and I do mean anything - a passing fox, a late night stumbled return from our wonderful village pub or some distant far off noise.

Our children wake for school at 7-30 a.m. every morning - except they don't ! From 6-00 a.m. to 7-00 a.m. onwards, neighbours dogs, presumably allowed to do what again dogs do of an early morn, bark incessantly in their gardens. On each of these occasions, the dogs have one thing in common - they are never reprimanded or stopped from barking by their owners. They also have something else in common - they are keeping my children awake at night and waking them prematurely in the morning on what has now become a daily basis..

There are other barking problems. As I write this article, relaxing in my garden on a beautiful weekend in Ashton, my neighbour's dog has been barking non stop for three and a half hours and again there has been no reprimand. However, it is the sleep, or rather the lack of it , that is causing concern in that it makes my young children constantly tetchy and irritable, simply through the tiredness of being kept awake by barking dogs. Although I find it hard to believe that our neighbours could be ignorant of the untimely barking of their pets, I write this article in the hope that if they were not aware, then they might be now. As a dog lover myself, I fully understand their special place in our lives as "Man's Best Friend". However to the dog owners, I make this heartfelt plea. **Please be a little more understanding of your neighbours, especially those with young families!** ( *An Ashton Resident* )

### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Terry Turvey 863627  
Parish Council Clerk - John Marshall 07913 080960  
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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>  
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# ASHTON Village News

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## Jubilee Celebrations

### ALL WELCOME



## PARTY IN THE PARK\*\*

Monday 4 June

5 pm to 10:30 pm

Behind The Old Crown  
(If WET at RUGBY CLUB)

**FREE ENTRY**

**BBQ - Live Music from  
"Ashton Village Music"  
plus Music from  
50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 00s**

***Last Night of the Proms  
finale***

Bring your own Bunting,  
flags, picnic,  
chairs and tables  
Fancy dress (optional)

## BARN DANCE\*\*

Saturday 2 June

6 pm to 10:30 pm

Mens Own Rugby Club  
**Banana Band with caller  
Food from 6.30**

Last chance tickets  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Adults £10.00 inc. food  
Children £1.00 inc. Food**

**Barn Dance tickets  
01604 863 634**

\*\* Organised by Ashton Parish Council \*\*

## 50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

May 2012

First	Heather Slack	£70.00
Second	Wendy Turvey	£42.00
Third	Brian Sale	£14.00

56 members - Church donation £140  
The Christmas bonus stands at £67.25

For more information, contact:

*Bron Kenny (01604 864914)*  
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*bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk*

## Dog Fouling Problem

The Parish Council has been contacted again by concerned residents over this problem. A village meeting is planned regarding this problem. Details next issue of the Ashton Village News

## Drop-In at the Knights Hall

**Sat 16th June 10.30-noon.** Lots of new books to browse and delicious cakes to buy as well as the usual chat over a coffee or tea. **All Welcome**

## Ashton Playground Association

Our meeting is on **20th June 19.30 at the Old Crown.** We are fund raising for the Playground. Do you work for an organisation that could help with our funding needs? Any support appreciated.

Please contact Felicity on 07738965842 or *felicity.gardiner@hotmail.co.uk*

## Ashton Swimming Pool Party

Once again, Bryan and Rosemary Skinner have very kindly offered their garden and swimming pool for a Pool party. It is going to be on **Sunday, July 15th from 12 o'clock until 4 p.m.** There will be a BBQ with salads and desserts plus swimming, of course!

The cost will be £5 per adult and £2 per child. The tickets will be available, nearer the time from the usual sources. (Ann 862 975, Bron 864 914 and Marion 864 254) To help catering numbers please book in early. **All Welcome**

## Ashton Village Music

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

The videos from the performances can be viewed here:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AshtonVillageMusic/videos>

Next meeting **Monday 2 JULY**, 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.

**NOTE :- We will be playing Alfresco behind the Old Crown for the Jubilee celebrations on Monday 4 June from 5pm onwards**



# Jubilee Celebrations

## ALL WELCOME

## PLANTING OF THE ROYAL OAK TREE\*\*

**Monday 4 June**  
**4:30**  
**Stoke Road**  
**Village Green**

## JUBILEE QUIZ NIGHT

**Sunday 3 June**  
**from 8 pm**  
**at The Old Crown**

**Your chance to win over**  
**£650 !!!**

The Old Crown is Open  
all day Monday,  
12 - 6 Tuesday

## JIVE INTO THE JUBILEE

**Come and join the**  
**JUBILEE FUN with**  
**ASHTON PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
**from 2 pm onwards**

Tea, Coffee and Cakes  
Face Painting and Tattoos

Guess the weight of the  
**CROWN CAKE**

Guess the **SWEETS** in a  
**JAR**

Book Stall  
Tombola  
Lucky Dip