

Ashton Village Music

is on the first Monday of every month. <http://www.ashtonvillagemusic.co.uk/>
Videos from the performances can be viewed online:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/AshtonVillageMusic/videos>
Next meeting **Monday 3 December**, Ashton Rugby Club from **7:30 pm**
The event is **FREE** to attend, There is **NO BAR**, but do bring your own drink.
ALL are welcome, audience and performers alike.

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

October 2012

First Brian Jolly £72.50
Second Jan Shepherd £43.50
Third Jan Willets £14.50

58 members - Church donation £145.50
The Christmas bonus stands at £137.50

November 2012

First Peter McAlear £72.50
Second Sue Mallock £43.50
Third Jan Willets £14.50

58 members - Church donation £145.00
The Christmas bonus stands at £152.00

For more information, contact:
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bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk

Ashton Mums and Tots group

Come and join our Mums and Tots group held in the school on **Thursday afternoons 13.30-15.15**. - £1
contact Lynne Turnbull 075454 62892.
EVERYONE WELCOME

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4 December 10.30 - 12 noon
Knights' Hall (Church)

All ages welcome £1 entry plus a Bring and Buy and usually some home made cakes. Any profits go into church funds. An excellent opportunity to meet fellow villagers! **All Welcome - dates 2013**
15 Jan, 69 Stoke Road
15 March, Broadacres, Roade Hill

Drop-In at the Knights Hall

Sat 15 December 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. (Third Saturday of each month) **All Welcome**

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Terry Turvey 863627
Parish Council Clerk - John Marshall 07913 080960
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 7012 - Tara Cooksammy:
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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 7th December

Hut Land - Progress

Following the Hut Land survey carried out last year, we have been in consultation with the Charity Commission attempting to change the status of the Charity to reflect the wishes of the majority of the village. This is ongoing.

We have had the ground cleared of the decades of brambles, small trees etc which had accumulated from years of neglect. We would like to thank Alan Humphrey for his help in this huge task. The Hut Land Survey indicated that many of the village would like to see it used as village allotments. If anyone would like to have an allotment, please get in touch with

Sandra Lemon, email: sandra_lemon_uk@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01604 863 634



Jules at home - Roade



Thank you all so very much for the wonderful support in the first few months of me opening my new shop in Roade High Street. It is very much appreciated.

I originally grew up in Roade, and have now settled in Ashton. I worked as a Retail Manager for John Lewis before taking the plunge to open this Gifts, Home, Haberdashery, Flowers and Schoolwear shop. My aim is good quality and service with reasonable prices.

Exciting new ranges in the shop now are Bill Brown London bags, lots of new jewellery, Ted Baker and other brands, cards from 16 years to 100, childrens and ladies tights and lots more! Potted Christmas trees NOW in!
Don't forget our bouquets start from only £20

Christmas late night shopping every Thursday from November 1st until 7pm,

Christmas Shopping Evening Thu 6th Dec 5-9pm

Dry Cleaning – Alterations - Curtain making

hope to see you all soon. - Jules

www.julesathome-roade.co.uk 01604 862019

Appeal for Foster Carers Northamptonshire County Council

November sees the launch of Northamptonshire County Council's new 'Star' campaign to recruit foster carers in the county. Right now there are 759 children in care, some of them have foster placements already but there are still many who need a loving and stable family life on a short term basis or permanently. If you think you could help us. Please contact me.

Sarah Hobbs, Marketing Specialist, 01604 366381, shobbs@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Thank You

Many thanks to the Zannotto's for offering their barn for the Pasta Party at the end of November.

Andy Medhurst 1942-2012

As many of you may have heard, Andy passed away on 22nd November. Andy was very dear to our family, and we had enjoyed a good friendship for many years. On behalf of both our family and the Medhurst family we would like to thank everyone who came to visit him in his final days and weeks. Andy was touched by the kindness shown to him by so many people.

Andy's funeral will take place on **Monday 3rd December at 11am at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Ashton. All are welcome.** The family also invite villagers to celebrate Andy's life, humour and music at the **Rugby Club afterwards.**

Andy was aware of the kindness and generosity shown to him by the people of Ashton and by the Church and he would be pleased to know that he will be fondly remembered in the village for years to come.

Jay, Anne, Molly and Edward Ramsden

Ashton School Parents Association. (A.S.P.A.)

Bonfire Night - A Big Thank You

Ashton Primary School & A.S.P.A would like to thank everyone that attended the Firework Display. It was another great success. We would also like to thank Bernard and Mike who lit the fireworks and the Parish Council who helped towards the cost.

ASHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Ashton Primary School are holding a CHRISTMAS MARKET on THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2.30pm onwards at the SCHOOL. All are welcome so come along and join in the Christmas spirit.....Have a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, try your hand at Bauble Bobbing and buy some last minute bits that are homemade and handmade by the children of Ashton School.



Ashton Carol Singing

There will be Carol Singing round the village in aid of The Hope Center on Thursday 20th December.

Horses on footpaths

It has been brought to the attention of the Ashton Parish Council that Horse riders in the village have been seen riding on the footpaths rather than the road. Could those responsible please stop this action.

Share Magazine - Last Publication?

The Church magazine (SHARE) has been edited and produced by David Cochrane for over 9 years. He now wishes to step down and so we are looking for someone to take over his position.

The magazine covers five Anglican Church Benefice, Ashton, Roade, Collingtree, Courteenhall, and Hartwell. Also Roade Methodist Church. Currently there are over 400 copies published each month.

If you feel you could help us by taking over this position, or know some one who would. Could you please contact

Rev Mike Burton, Email: michaelburton5@aol.com. Tel: 01604 862284

What on at the Old Crown

- **Quiz Night - Sunday 2nd December**
- **Caribbean Night - Thursday 6th December**
- **Christmas Party night with live music - Sunday 23rd December**

With great home cooked food and a friendly relaxing atmosphere, The Old Crown is ideal for a quiet drink with friends, a business lunch or a celebration with family and friends



We have our **Festive Christmas Menu** and also our new **Christmas Day Menu** (booking advised)

For more information or booking, contact Bex and Ian:

The Old Crown, 1 Stoke Road, Ashton, Northampton NN7 2JN
call 01604 862268 www.TheOldCrownAshton.co.uk
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Ashton Fields Charity

At this time of year, pensioners in Ashton receive a small sum of money towards their heating bills from the Ashton Fields Charity. The funds are raised by renting two fields belonging to the charity. If you are a pensioner living in Ashton, please call Delia Farrand on 863225 and your name will be added to the list.

Ashton Playground Association

Ashton Playground Association was set up earlier this year to meet the recognised need in the village for play facilities for children and young people. The need was highlighted in public meetings and in responses in the questionnaire regarding the Hut Land. The aim of the Association is to raise funds for playground equipment to be situated on the Recreation Ground to the back of the Old Crown Pub.

In August, after a few months fund raising, we were able to purchase Football Goals for the Recreation Ground and Charles Wells Brewery, who lease the land to the Parish Council, gave permission for their installation.

So far we have successfully received a grant from South Northants Homes for £500, Waitrose have supported our Community project through its Towcester Store and John Lewis have put us forward for their selection process for their community matters funding scheme.

We are working towards the main funding coming from two areas; BIFFA Waste Community Award Schemes and The National Lottery. We are busy with their application process now, so will keep you informed!

We hold monthly meetings in the Old Crown on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to all and enable us to keep everybody informed of our progress and enable others a chance to give their opinions. Our minutes will be available on the Ashton village website and are circulated to those who have provided us with their email address. We attend occasional PC meetings to keep the Parish Council updated. We email our information and minutes out to those who have expressed an interest in receiving them.

We would like to thank all those who support us in this project, especially the Parish Council who offer support and advice and those villagers who helped erect the Goals (and move them to the new site). Thank you for supporting our village fete. Thank you to Ashton Primary School for their donations and the donations from the Jubilee Barn Dance.

If you wish to get involved or would like to be added to our emailing list, please contact



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