

The LAST Ashton Village Music

Thank you to everyone for a splendid evening on Monday, the new format seemed to work well and it was great to see people bouncing ideas around and creating new music. Just what I'd always dreamed of and thanks are due to Pete for suggesting it. However due to various changing circumstances, that was the last one. RIP Ashton Music Club. Thanks for all the support over the last couple of years, it's been most enjoyable.

Regards Rob

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group
December 2012

First Heather Slack £71.25
Second Peter Castello £42.75
Third Stephanie Fowler £14.25
57 members - Church donation £142.50
The Christmas bonus draw this year of £166.25 was won by Sandra Lemon

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

Support Roade Library

The Library in Roade are looking for people to join their committee, adults of all ages welcome. Also 9th Feb is **National Library Day** so please go along and enjoy refreshments, face painting and quiz !

For more information, contact *harriet_abbott@yahoo.co.uk* or phone 01604864303

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Terry Turvey 863627
Parish Council Clerk - John Marshall 07505 139832
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 -
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Ashton Valentines Ball

22nd February 2013.



Live Singing & Disco – Valentines Cup Cakes

Competitions – Raffles

Black & Red dressed theme

Village Favours Auction

6 – 10pm Ashton Rugby Club

£5 for 1 adult and 1 Child.

or £4.50 per adult and 50p per child thereafter.

All Money Raised will go towards Ashton's Playground Project.

Old Crown Events

- We have a **Special Valentines Evening**, 14th Feb
- The popular **Quiz Night**, now falls on the first Sunday of every month starts 8.00pm.
- Our **Mothers Day** menu is March 10th and its £22 per head and half price for children.
- By popular request, we are having our **Pie Night** on 21st March
- On 18th April we are holding a **Wine Event: Call My Quaff** £15.00 food & drink, more information coming soon, tickets now on sale.

For more information on any of these events, please contact:
Bex Street, The Old Crown, Ashton
01604 862268 bex@theoldcrownashton.co.uk

A BIG thank you from A.S.P.A.

Ashton Primary School Children and A.S.P.A would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us to raise £155 in aid of the Hope Center Northampton with our Carol Singing round the village. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

The Children at Ashton Primary School do a lot of fund raising for other charities. Last year they raised over £600. These charities include The Hope Center, British Heart Foundation, Macmillan Nurses, Children in Need, The Roald Dahl Childrens Charity, and Awareness for Brain Tumours in Children. This year already they are looking at raising money for Water Aid in Africa with their annual Pan Cake Flip.

A.S.P.A and The Children Of Ashton School would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Alex (Ashton.School.Parents.Association.)

Handyperson Service

Age UK Northamptonshire's Handypersons Service is a great way to find some extra help with small jobs, making life easier and safer around the home.

We offer competitive rates for a range of services, fitting grab rails, banister rails, keysafes and curtain rails, painting and small carpentry tasks and much more. We fit smoke alarms free of charge too.

For more information call us on: 01536 524986
Registered charity number 1059995

"Whats On" in Ashton - Regular Meetings in the Village

The **Old Crown Book Club** meets on the fourth Tuesday every month at 8pm in the Old Crown. All welcome. We read a variety of books, one a month, and discuss them at the meetings.

Quiz Night at the Old Crown is a bit of a rolling feast but if you like wracking your brain, having a great social evening and the chance to win some prize money then come along. It starts at 8 pm. The dates are available from the pub.

Ashton Playground Association is trying to raise money to install playground equipment on the Recreation ground at the back of the Old Crown. We managed to buy the football goals so far and their goal is now £30,000 for a play park. They meet on the third Wednesday every month at 8pm in The Old Crown to discuss the fundraising and make plans for more. We also have a **wildlife garden** in the Church Yard.

Don't forget our **Valentines Ball on February 22nd in the Rugby Club.**

Ashton Parish Council Meeting - Second Wednesday of each month, 7.15pm at the school - all welcome.

Saturday "Drop-in" Book Club - 10.30-12 noon on every 3rd Saturday of the month-at the Knight's Hall in the church, for a chat and browse through our book collection we are building up. Why not call in for a coffee, a chat and a chance to buy a homemade cake and browse the book stock? The books are only £1 each. The next Drop-in is Saturday 16th February - See you there!

Chat and Craft - providing a place to finish those projects you have been meaning to complete. Come along and join us for a chat, perhaps do some craft and have a tea or coffee. So if you knit, crochet, carve wood, sew, draw, paint or just fancy some company this is the meeting for you. There is no charge and all are welcome. **The first meeting will be on February 21, 2013 starting at 7:30 pm in the School hall.** Future meetings will be once a fortnight on **alternate Thursday evenings from 7:30 until 10pm.** at the school.

Pancake Day & Beetle Drive - Tuesday 12th Feb, in the Knights' Hall at the Church, from 2.30-4.30. Games of Beetle, pancakes and a drink. £2 ADULTS, £1 CHILDREN. What a bargain for an afternoon's entertainment! Open to everybody, young, old, in a group or on your own. Please let Marion (864254) or Bron (864914) know if you would like to come. An idea of numbers ensures no-one goes without pancakes!

Mothering Sunday will be celebrated in the Church on **March 10th at 10.30am.** The school will take part. There will be refreshments afterwards where you can catch up with friends.

Coffee Morning - 15 March, 10.30 - 12 noon, Broadacres, Roade Hill. - £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 ages are Welcome**

Ashton Church of England Primary School

We have had a very busy run up to Christmas and the children enjoyed 'A Christmas Carol' at the Royal Theatre. The end of term party was great fun and Father Christmas made a surprise visit. Thanks must go to ASPA for all the effort put in to making this such an exciting and fun time for the children. Our nativity production was performed superbly despite practices having to be postponed so the Ofsted inspector could observe literacy and numeracy lessons!

We were delighted with our overall grading of 'Good' in what is a very rigorous inspection framework. Some of the main points from the inspection are detailed below.

The school has made good progress since the last inspection and pupils achieve well because of good teaching and good leadership and management. Levels of attainment have improved.

The staff work well together under the head teacher's leadership and provide a curriculum which gives pupils a wide range of experiences.

Pupils behave well and have a mature understanding of how to treat others. They have a good knowledge of personal safety.

The pupils get along well together. The school is a 'happy family'. The pupils know each other very well.

Staff take very good care of the pupils. Parents are pleased that their children attend the school and speak highly of it.

The areas for development had already been identified by the school and were in the school development plan.

The new term has started well although the bad weather has resulted in the junior science trip to Oxford being postponed for a second time!

The school has places for a start in September 2013 so if you would like to see us in action please telephone to make an appointment.

Sue Campbell - Ashton Church of England Primary School 01604 863189

****NEW**Pilates**

Monday 6pm-7pm also Friday 9.30am

Roade Methodist Church Hall (Next to Cock Pub)

£5 per class - LEVEL 3 TRAINED

IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS

Tel Sue 07587155018

Walk and Talks through the History of Grafton Regis

On four **Saturdays** in 2013 – **April 27th, June 22nd, July 13th and September 21st - starting at 2.30pm at Grafton Regis Village Hall.**

There will be an opportunity to walk around the village and meet many of the historical figures who lived here, ranging from kings and queens to commoners and from medieval times to the present.

The walks will finish at the Village Hall, where tea and cake will be served. The cost will be £7.50 for adults, £1.00 for under 16s and free for under 5s.

All profits will be divided between the funds for the maintenance of the Village Hall and of the Church.

For more information, phone **Kathy** on 07910092132. www.grafton-regis.co.uk

Have you Changed your name ?

With Valentine's Day just around the corner South Northamptonshire Council would like to send a timely message to those who have recently tied the knot.

Many will have changed their name, some taking that of their partner, others opting for a double-barrelled version. In the midst of all the post-event paperwork anyone could be forgiven for forgetting that the electoral register still carries their maiden moniker.

Those who do not report the change could be in for a nasty surprise when applying for a loan or trying to place their vote.

Credit-checking agencies use the electoral register as one of their means of assessing people's backgrounds. These are used for many purposes from mobile phone contracts to loans and mortgages.

In order to avoid any future issues we would ask residents to ensure that their electoral registration information is up to date reflecting any changes.

To change your name on the electoral register simply email elections@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk

or call **01327 322128** and ask for a form

or can visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk for more information.