

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

August 2013

First	Heather Slack	£70.00
Second	Margaret Wildsmith	£42.00
Third	Lesley Godfrey	£14.00

56 members - Church donation £140.00

September 2013

First	Oliver Shadforth	£71.25
Second	Sue Wilson	£42.75
Third	Ann Lamb	£14.25

57 members - Church donation £145.00

Christmas bonus stands at £113.00

October 2013

First	Carl Johnson	£70.00
Second	Pete McAlear	£42.00
Third	Andy Fowler	£14.00

56 members - Church donation £140.00

Christmas bonus stands at £127.00

For more information, Contact
Bron Kenny (01604 864914)

67 Stoke Road, bronkenny@tiscali.co.uk

Saturday Drop In

We meet - Every 3rd Saturday of the month 10.30-12 noon.

(Next one November 16th)

Why not call in for a coffee, a chat and a chance to buy a homemade cake and browse the book stock?

We have a good supply of up-to-date novels, non-fiction and crime books, so come and have a browse!

Street Lights

With winter nights approaching the village street lights become more important to us.

If any lights are seen to be **NOT** working, would village residents please contact Ashton Parish Clerk. Details below:-

John Marshall on 07505 139832
Ryan's Glen, 31 B Hartwell Road,
Roade, Northampton, NN7 2NU
or email at
ashtonparishcouncil@yahoo.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.

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Terry Turvey 863627
Parish Council Clerk - John Marshall 07505 139832
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254
County Councillor - Allen Walker 01908 260302
Footpath Warden - Terry Turvey 863627
Neighbourhood Watch - Carl Johnson 861429

Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

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Police <http://www.northants.police.uk>
Police Community Support Officer 7012 -
Tara Cooksammy:
Tel: 101 ext 343642
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ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION, THE OLD CROWN AND
ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL PRESENT

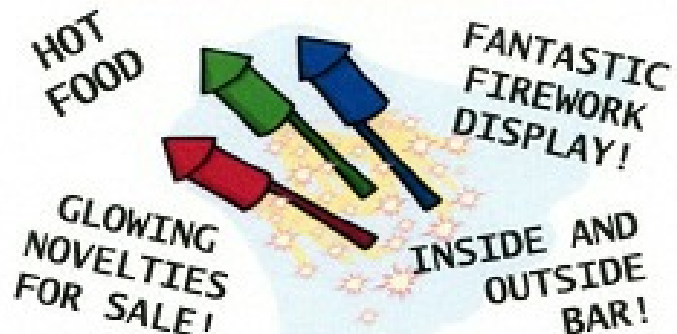
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BONFIRE NIGHT

5th November

The Old Crown, Ashton

Bonfire Lit 6:15 Fireworks 7:00



Entrance

Adults: £2.50

Children: £1.50

**ENTRANCE
PRICES HELD
FOR THE 11TH
YEAR IN A
ROW!**

RAFFLE

New Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Carl Johnson

David Farrand is standing down as Ashton Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

He took on the position in March 2000 in a "temporary capacity" until someone more permanent was found to take on the work.

After many calls for a volunteer at last, 13 years later, Carl Johnson has agreed to take over. Any Neighbourhood Watch enquiries should now be made to :-

Carl Johnson, 22 Roade Hill. Telephone :- 01604 861429.

Mobile :- 07904109585

Email :- carlandnicola@hotmail.co.uk

Coffee Mornings.

Everyone is welcome to the coffee mornings, held monthly throughout the autumn and winter. The next one will be held at 69, Stoke Road on **November 12th**, from 10.30am to 12o'clock.

There will be a raffle, bring and buy and a few cakes for sale, but mainly it is to come along to meet people and have a chat. Any proceeds go towards Church funds.

The December coffee morning will be on **Friday 13th** at 2, Cooks Close. Why not come along and make some new friends.

Dog Fouling



It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that there are still instances of dogs being allowed to foul on public land and their owners are not clearing up after them.

This is an offence under the Clean Neighborhoods and Environment Act 2005. As well as being antisocial it is also a health hazard as dog faeces carries toxocara canis which comes from a round worm that lives in the dog's intestine. It can infect humans

and make them ill.

The Parish Council asks that dog owners in the village recognize this danger to themselves and others and clean up after their dogs.

Ashton Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

The first meeting of the village's Neighbourhood Plan group will be taking place on 4th November.

For details of time and location of the meeting, or for those who want more information, please contact :-

Paul Joyce on 07974 254 122 or email paul@komcept.com

Ashton Parish Council presents
The Ashton Annual Pumpkin Festival



Free admission, free cakes, free juice, free fun!

On Stoke Road Green, Thursday October 31st at 6pm

Please bring your Jack ' O ' Lantern along and join in the fun.

The Parish Council will erect a marquee and apple juice will be provided. Any donations of cakes or biscuits are most welcome.
For more information call **Sandra Lemon 863 634**

**please note, if you would like children to call trick or treating then put a pumpkin or a picture of a pumpkin in your window or by your door. If there is nothing they have been asked not to bother you.*

Ashton Parish Council Meeting

**The next monthly meeting, Wednesday November 27th -
7.15pm at Ashton School**

There is a public session and anyone can attend the meetings.
Please note that the date of this meeting has been changed and there will be no meeting in December.

If there are any village problems that the Parish Council can deal with or if you wish to add anything to the agenda, please contact the Parish Council Clerk,
John Marshall on 07505 139832

Ryan's Glen, 31 B Hartwell Road, Roade, Northampton, NN7 2NU
or email at ashtonparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Ashton Bonfire - November 5th

If you have any materials, garden rubbish etc, for the bonfire please deliver them to the playing field (behind the Old Crown) BEFORE Monday 4th November.

NO nasty materials please - plastic, rubber, wet leaves or grass
For more information call Bernard Day 077 6666 4211

****PILATES****

Tuesday 7pm-8pm – Willison Centre, Roade
Friday 9.30am – Roade Methodist Church Hall

****BODY** CONDITIONING**

Wednesday 10-11am – Roade Methodist Church Hall
£5 per class

Tel Sue 07587155018



What's On in Ashton? Kindly compiled by Sandra Lemon

October 19th - Drop in and Book Exchange 10:30 'til 12:30 This is the place to meet people, have a coffee or tea, there is often home made cake and there are loads of books for all ages to buy (50p each). You can bring unwanted books along. The money raised goes to benefit the Church. There is also a stall selling plants, produce and seeds for the benefit of the **Wild Nature Garden** behind the Church.

October 20th - Family Church Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church at 10:30 a.m. for ¾ hr. Come and join the service in this lovely, friendly little church.

October 22nd – Bell Ringing at the Church. This is fortnightly between Ashton and Roade. Come and learn to bell ring, it is sociable, great fun and wonderful exercise.

October 22nd – Old Crown Book Club meeting at 8 p.m. This month we have been reading 'A Perfectly Good Man' by Patrick Gale. Next month we will be reading 'The Children's Book' by A. S. Byatt. Do come along and join us for a review of the book, a chat and a drink.

October 24th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and for you to meet other parents and grandparents.

October 29th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

October 31st – The Pumpkin Festival. This is an annual free event put on by Ashton Parish Council on the Stoke Road Green. Every one invited. There will be a Marche, apple juice is provided. All donations of cakes / biscuits etc. are welcome. Please bring your Jack 'O' Lantern along to share. **Start time 6pm.**

November 5th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

November 5th – Bon Fire Night at the Old Crown. Lighting the Bonfire at 6:15pm and Fireworks start at 7:00pm. Adults £2.50, Children £1.50.

November 7th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents.

November 12th – Coffee Morning coffee mornings are held in different locations once a month in aid of St Michaels and All Angels Church. This month it is at **69 Stoke Road between 10:30 and 12:00.** These friendly events are a lovely way to meet people and enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee.

November 12th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

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November 14th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents.

November 16th - Drop in and Book Exchange 10:30 'til 12:30 This is the place to meet people, have a coffee or tea, there is often home made cake and there are loads of books for all ages to buy (50p each). You can bring unwanted books along. The money raised goes to benefit the Church. There is also a stall selling plants, produce and seeds for the benefit of the **Wild Nature Garden** behind the Church.

November 17th - Family Church Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church at 10:30 a.m. for ¾ hr. Come and join the service in this lovely, friendly little church.

November 19th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

November 21st - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents.

November 26th – Bell Ringing at the Church.

November 26th – Old Crown Book Club meeting at 8 p.m. This month we have been reading 'The Children's Book' by A. S. Byatt. Next month we will be reading 'The Other Side Of You' by Sally Vickers. Do come along and join us for a review of the book, a chat and a drink.

November 27th – Ashton Parish Council at 7:15 in the School. There is a public session and anyone can attend the meetings. **Please note that the date of this meeting has been changed and there will be no meeting in December.**

November 28th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents.

December 5th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents.

December 12th - Mums & Tots in the School at 1:30 p.m. A good way to introduce your little one to other children and to meet other parents or even grandparents.

December 13th - Coffee Morning coffee mornings are held in different locations once a month in aid of St Michaels and All Angels Church. This month it is at **2 Cooks Close between 10:30 and 12:00.** These friendly events are a lovely way to meet people and enjoy a chat and a cup of coffee.

December 15th - Family Church Service at St Michael's and All Angels Church at 10:30 a.m. for ¾ hr. Come and join the service in this lovely, friendly little church.

Social housing on the site of the garages on Stoke Road

There appears to be some debate, and a certain amount of misunderstanding surrounding the possible construction of some social housing on the site of the garages on Stoke Road.

The situation is that when SNC sold its council house stock to South Northants Homes some years ago the garages were also sold. It was always the intention that the site would be developed for social housing in the future. The Housing Association took pre submission planning advice from SNC. They also came to a recent Parish Council meeting and talked to the council and in addition gave a presentation in the Knights Hall at which a number of villagers attended. As yet no planning application has been submitted so until that happens no comments can be made back to SNC

As far as I am aware the site has never been for sale. It is likely that when the application is submitted it will be decided in front of the development committee at SNC. At this meeting members of the public will be allowed to address the committee for 3 minutes as will the applicant as will a member of the parish council. As District Councillor I will be allowed to address the committee for as long as I want -within reason. The committee will then make a decision -and if refused the applicant will have a right of appeal.

So in summary there is little that can be done until an application is submitted

Martin Wilson - District Councillor.

"Fibre Optic Broadband" for Ashton?

I am investigating the possibility of providing Fibre Optic Broadband to the village, as has been done in Abthorpe and surrounding villages, who enjoy over 20Mbps speed. The estimated cost is mooted to be about £200-£300 in the first year, and £100-£150 in subsequent years, depending on feasibility and the number of households signing up to the scheme.

I would like to know roughly how many households would be willing to sign up to this, if and when it comes to fruition. Please would you let me know your interest by email to alan@beber.co.uk by the end of October. Thank you. **Alan Beber**

A date for your diary

ASHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO

AT THE RUGBY CLUB

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 7PM - 10PM

For more information contact Alex Hawkins
alex-yvie@hotmail.co.uk



Ashton Bronze Award in the Churchyard Conservation Scheme

Ashton St Michael's Churchyard has won a Bronze Award in the Churchyard Conservation Scheme.

Bron and I attended the awards ceremony at Grafton Regis Village Hall on October 3rd, there were entrants from across the county. The scheme has three levels of Award, we applied for the Bronze award as we are beginners at churchyard conservation, although the churchyard has been well tended for many years.

We were given a small wooden plaque to put up in the churchyard, I will update the newsletter on the church notice board to give some more details. We keep the award for three years and can then decide to apply for Silver, Gold or more Bronze .

The award scheme is run in conjunction with The Wildlife Trust for Bucks, Cambridgeshire and Northants and encourages a management scheme aimed at providing habitats for wildlife . A representative from the Trust came and surveyed the churchyard and provided us with a list of plants already present in the churchyard and suggested some ideas for further planting.

Some of the things we have undertaken in the past year are: keeping an area of long grass for small mammals and butterflies, including some nettles and thistles; planting a butterfly bar , providing water for birds and small mammals, sowing wild flower seeds, planting some of the old graves with wildlife friendly plants and erecting winter homes for wildlife.

If anyone would like to know more, please come along to the next drop-in at St Michaels , we have a fundraising and information stall there every month,

If anyone would like to join our small band of volunteers, please contact me (Jan Willetts) at 18 Roade Hill, tel 01604 863 421.

Roade Surgery Carers Meetings

Roade Surgery and the Patient Participation Group (PPG) are holding a regular series of "Free Cafes for Carers". The meetings will give you the opportunity to air your thoughts and concerns as well as the opportunity to speak with other carers and gaining information about support and help available for you.

The meetings are friendly and informal and centre on you as a carer. We often have speakers who offer advice and assistance with common issues and offer information on additional support and the latest news on changes which could help you.

For more information contact
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Roade Surgery, 16 London Road, Roade, NN72NN. Tel. 01604 862 218