

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

October 2014

1st prize - Ann Sale £81.25
2nd prize - Lloyd Wilson £48.75
3rd prize - Ashleygh Parrington
£16.25
65 members - Church donation.
£162.50 Christmas bonus. £ 152.75

November 2014

1st prize - Rosemary Skinner £78.75
2nd prize - Jan Shepherd £47.25
3rd prize - Maddie Johnson £15.75

63 members - Church donation.
£157.50 Christmas bonus. £ 168.50

For more information, Contact
Bron Kenny (01604 864914)
67 Stoke Road, bronkenny@gmail.com

**Lost Items found after
Ashton Bonfire night -** please
ring Lynne on 07545462892

'Men of Hartwell- new book

Research into the names on Hartwell War Memorial has resulted in an illustrated 64 page booklet called 'Men of Hartwell' which contains full details about the 11 men from the First World War and the three from the Second World War who died as well as information on a further 62 men who also served.

Copies are available at £6 (plus £1.50 p/p) from:

Angela Malin, 17 Swyncombe Green, Hartwell NN7 2JA or
Richard Wain, 3 Hillside, Hartwell NN7 2HJ. - Cheques payable to A Malin.

All profits from the sale of the books will be donated to St John the Baptist Church, Hartwell.

**I would like to wish you
all a Happy Christmas and a
Healthy and Happy New Year**

**Pilates & Fitness
classes will**

**recommence 6th
January 2015. Call
sue on
07587155018 for
more details**



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

Police 101 or (999 in an emergency)
Police <http://www.northants.police.uk>
Police Community Support Officer 7012 -
Tara Cooksammy:
Tel: 101 ext 343642
E-mail - tara.cooksammy@northants.police.uk

Parish Council www.ashtonpc.org.uk

Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

Articles for A.V.N. to David Farrand, 20 Hartwell Road Telephone 863225 or david@farrand.co.uk

Whilst every care is taken regarding the issue of this newsletter, the Editors accept no liability for the accuracy of the contributions

ASHTON Village News

Issue 144

December 2014

Ashton Rugby Club - Men's Own Xmas Parties



ADULT XMAS PARTY SAT 20 DEC 1700 to 0500

- £5 PER TICKET £10 IF NOT IN FANCY DRESS.
- FREE BOOZE TUBES AVAILABLE FOR CLUB MEMBERS.
- CASH PRIZE FOR WHO EVER BRINGS THE MOST NON CLUB MEMBERS.
- MINI BUS, TAXI'S & CAR SHARE AVAILABLE.

MINI'S & JUNIORS XMAS PARTY

SUN 21 DEC 1200 to 1800

FOOD, DRINK, XMAS CAROLS, DISCO
XMAS RAFFLE DRAW, FUN, GAMES & PRIZES
NOT TO MENTION SANTA CLAWS!!!
FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL

TO BOOK TICKETS CONTACT NIGEL JONES 07818 708 725

Parish Council www.ashtonpc.org.uk | Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

OLD CROWN for Christmas & New Year

Christmas Day Lunch - we still have places left at £40 per person 12 - 3. We are also giving a £5 gift card with the meal to use from the 2nd to the 31st January ..

New Years Eve - we will be holding a BBQ which is different for this time of the year. For those who don't want to face the cold there will be a buffet inside, tickets for that are only £5 they can be collected from the bar.

Andy and Rosie Matson

Stoke Road Green Christmas Tree decorating

This year we will decorate the tree on Sunday December 21st at 1:30 pm. In the past we used donated ornaments but these tend to blow off, leading to me running around the tree and trying to re-hang them so we are going to make and hang bird food ornaments that will look lovely and give the birds a treat.

You can string popcorn, cranberries and sultanas. Cut apples and arranges into slices and hang them up. I also made a mixture of seeds and lard into balls to hang up. Please bring along your bird food ornaments and helps us decorate the tree. We will have drinking chocolate and marshmallows for all.

Best wishes, Sandra Lemon 01604 863 634

Fireworks in Ashton?

I'd be grateful to all other residents if, for new year and next year's fireworks night, we could all agree to confine setting fireworks off on those nights (and the nearest Saturday to fireworks night, say) but not just "any night between mid October and mid November if we've got leftover fireworks". The explosions cause stress to most of our pet companions and while owners accept it will happen a couple of times a year at least the dates were anticipated and pets could be locked in with company and loud music playing! It also wakes babies up as we have found out...

I hope this strikes a balance between reasonable fun and courtesy/consideration for others. Best wishes and thanks to all, Alex Rowe alexrowe@me.com

Christmas Saturday Drop-In



The December Drop-in is on 20th in the Knights Hall inside the church. To celebrate Christmas we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies to get the festive season underway. It would be lovely to welcome all our friends so please come along between 10.30 and midday!

Wendy Turvey

Christmas Carols around Ashton

This year the Carols around Ashton will take place on December 22nd starting at 6pm in the Old Crown car park. Andy and Rosie will provide mince pies and hot chocolate after the carols. All proceeds go toward The Hope Centre.

There is a shortage of musicians to accompany the carollers so if you play an instrument and fancy a fun evening please come and join in.

Best wishes, Sandra Lemon 01604 863 634

NEW - Womens Institute in Ashton

Nineteen ladies got together in the Knights Hall on Wednesday December 3rd and formed a new WI. It will be called the Ashton Belles WI and will meet on the second Thursday in the month at 7:30 pm.

There was an election of officers and Marian Stephani is the President, Helen Hall is the treasurer and Sandra Lemon is the secretary.

The next meeting is on January 8th, at 7:30 in the Knights Hall in St. Michael's Church.

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the WI in the UK so it is an exciting time to be a member.

Any ladies who would like to join or just come along as a visitor are more than welcome.

For more information call - **Sandra Lemon 01604 863 634**

Yoga Classes

yoga classes at Roade community centre on Tuesday evening at 7.00p.m to 8.30p.m

For more information - Pauline Green 01604 863 641

Ashton Church events

Village Carol Service. Sunday 21st December at 10.30 am at which the school will be taking a part.

Chris tingle Service at Roade St Mary's on Christmas Eve at 3 pm. A lovely way to get the children into the true spirit of Christmas.

Midnight Service in Ashton on 24th December at 11.30. We are lucky to be having this service in Ashton this year, so listen for the bells and come along to join in with the traditional readings and carols.

Christmas coffee, cake and chat on Friday 12th December at Broadacres, Roade Hill, from 10.30-12 o'clock. Take a break from all the shopping and planning and enjoy a few minutes with nothing to do but catch up with friends over a coffee.

For more information - Marion 01604 864 254

SUPER FAST Broadband in Ashton

Dear Mr Godfrey,
Thank you for your enquiry and interest in the Superfast Northamptonshire project.

As mentioned in your enquiry, our interactive map suggests that **Ashton** is currently within the planning and survey stage, whereby super fast broadband services expected in parts of this area” under the current programme of works with BT. Please be assured that the cabinet serving Ashton and the network continue to progress and we would anticipate this cabinet to **‘go-live’ within the second quarter of 2015**, all dates are subject to change. Please keep checking the project website and our interactive ‘When & Where’ map for the latest announcements.

Regards - Broadband Delivery Team

Ashton Village News Donation

David & Delia Farrand would like to thank Allen Walker, our County Councillor, for supporting a donation of £500 from Northampton County Council towards the Ashton newsletter printing costs. It is much appreciated.

Ashton Fireworks night - Thank you

“Ashton School Parents Association (ASPA) from Ashton Primary School would like to thank all involved at Ashton’s Men’s Own Rugby Club for allowing us to join forces by holding our Bonfire and Fireworks event there in such a positive way.

This essential move has proven highly success and an extremely popular with record visitor numbers attending the event this year raising essential funds for the school which is deeply appreciated. All involved from the Rugby Club have helped and supported us every step of the way to make this event possible.

The night was blessed with good weather and the feedback was fun was had by all. We would like to say thank you to our main sponsor Mr Phil Joyce from Komcept Solutions Ltd in Ashton for his families kind donation towards the Fireworks, without this we would not have an event!

Thank you to the Parish Council for their support and grant towards even more fireworks! Lastly thank you to Mr Bernard Day, Mike Bennett and Ross Firth from Ashton for an amazing Bonfire and Fireworks display on the night, but not forgetting appreciated help from Nigel Prescott in helping build the biggest bonfire ever!

Ashton primary School is grateful to everyone who has helped make this event a success and given up their time for us. We have already started planning for next year, we hope to see you all there!

Felicity Gardiner and Lynne Turnbull Phillips. - Chair Ladies of ASPA. “

Childrens swings for Ashton

Ashton Parish Council has placed an order for new swings, to be located in the Recreation Field behind the pub.

‘As residents will know, Ashton Parish Council is entitled to receive an annual payment from the operator of the Roade Wind Farm Community Fund for the next 25 years (the life of the project). There are limitations on how the money can be spent and an application for a specified project or expenditure has to be submitted and approved by the operator each year before payment is made. This year, the Council has successfully applied for funds that, together with funds provided by the Ashton Playground Association will enable the purchase of set of 4 children’s swings. These will be placed in the Recreation Field behind the Old Crown; the Council leases the field from Charles Wells and the necessary approval has also been obtained from them to place the swings on the western side of the southernmost one third of the field. Installation is due in the first half of December. The Council, with APA is pleased to be able to satisfy what has been a regular request from residents for play equipment in the village and will be pleased to hear from residents regarding suggested projects for funding in future years.’

John Marshall, Clerk, Ashton Parish Council 07505 139832

New Affordable Homes in Ashton

Along with this issue of Ashton Village News there is a letter from South Northants Council and Grand Union Housing Group about the new homes being built at Stoke Road. This letter tells you more about the development and how you can apply to join the Council’s Housing Register. For further information on the development please contact the Strategic Housing Team on 01327 322373 or paul.brunige@southnorthants.gov.uk

XMAS SCAM

Christmas is fast approaching, Royal Mail & The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:
A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website: <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam>

Please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS.