

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

December 2014

1st prize - Susan Parrington £81.25
2nd prize - Wendy Turvey £48.74
3rd prize - Sue Mallock £16.25
65 members - Church donation £162.50

**Christmas bonus won by:
Peter Costello £ 184.75**

January 2015

1st prize - Andrew Learoyd £80.00
2nd prize - Nigel Prescott £48.00
3rd prize - Terry Turvey £16.00

64 members - Church donation. £160
Christmas bonus. £ 16

For more information, Contact
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Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

at 7.30pm Monday 16th Feb.
Komcept, Ridgeway Farm.
Hartwell Road

We are convening a meeting on Monday 16th February at Komcept, Ridgeway Farm, to update you all on options following a meeting with Mr Andy Darcy at the Council Offices in Springfields, Towcester.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information contact Isabel Lane.
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isabel.lanelane@btinternet.com

PILATES

The Willison Centre, Roade
MONDAYS 6pm TUESDAYS 7pm



KEEP FIT & PILATE

Methodist Church Hall, Roade
FRIDAYS 9.30am
IDEAL FOR ALL AGES
classes £5
Call Sue 07587155018

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
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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

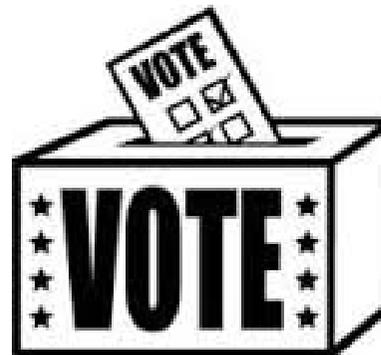
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Parish Council Election



Many residents will be aware that on 07 May, the UK will be holding a General Election. However, you might not know that alongside the General Election, there will also be elections for one District Councillor to South Northants Council (SNC) and seven Parish Councillors to Ashton Parish Council (APC). All the elections are organised by SNC. For the APC election, if 7 or fewer candidates offer themselves for election then they are all elected unopposed; if there are more than 7 candidates then a ballot is held. Those that opt to vote - hopefully most residents - will be given a ballot paper for the APC election, along with separate ballot papers for the General (MP) and

District Councillor elections unless they, too, are unopposed which is unlikely.

I make no apologies for writing again about this, because one of my duties as Clerk to the Parish Council is to ensure that the upcoming Parish Council election is widely publicised in the community. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that there is ready access to information about becoming a Parish Councillor. To that end, the Council will be holding 2 informal 'drop-in' briefings in order that interested residents can be fully apprised of what is involved in serving as a Parish Councillor and how to go about putting themselves forward for election. The sessions will be held at the Old Crown on Saturday 7th March at 5pm - 5.45pm (6pm if there is sufficient demand) and on Wednesday 11th March at 6.45pm - 7.15pm, before the monthly Parish Council meeting.

Alternatively, please contact either myself (details below) or any of the existing Parish Councillors.

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Ashton Church Events

Poppies:

At the January Family Service in Ashton, a presentation of six porcelain poppies from The River of Blood exhibition at the Tower of London was very kindly made by Evie and Graham Laidler and their daughter. The poppies were placed in the Memorial Vases dedicated to the men from Ashton who lost their lives in the First World War. These, together with the earlier presentation of a photograph and information board, donated by Gil Wilson, complete the village's Centenary Remembrance of WW1. Several descendants of the soldiers attended the service. The PCC would like to thank everyone responsible for making such a valuable reminder of the sacrifices made at that time.

Services over the Easter period:

Mothering Sunday. March 15th. Family service at 10.30am

Palm Sunday. March 29th. Family service at 10.30am

The school will be taking part in both these services and everyone is invited.

Easter Sunday. April 5th. Parish Communion at 9.15am where the school will not be taking part, but everyone is still welcome.

Coffee morning:

Thursday March 19th, 10.30-12.00 - Cakes, raffle, bring and buy.

Kassen, Stoke Road, courtesy of Rosemary and Bryan Skinner - Everyone welcome

Flower Arranging:

I shall soon be making out the Flower Rota for decorating the Church throughout the summer. If anyone would like to try their hand at arranging flowers, (nothing too exotic needed!) could they let me know, please. It only takes a few flowers, garden or florist's, to make the Church look lovely.

Ashton Bell Ringing:

It is now a year since I bemoaned that, due to a lack of ringers, the bells in Ashton had not been rung to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Five young people came forward and asked to learn how to ring. Last week, for the first time, all five bells in Ashton tower were rung by young residents from the village, so this year we should have a full band for Mothers' Day. Bell ringing is a skill which requires dedication, concentration and.....bravery! The tenor (largest bell) in Ashton weighs 7cwt. I don't know what that is in "new money", but it is a great weight to control from the end of a very long rope! So, congratulations to Zoe, Hannah, Erin, Charlie and Cara for their perseverance. They are well on the way to becoming bell ringers. Thanks also to Alan Cousens for teaching them

PCC AGM:

Ashton Parochial Church will be holding their AGM on Monday 23rd March at 7.30 pm in the Church. This is a meeting open to everyone giving a chance to voice an opinion on how Church matters are dealt with. It is also an opportunity to forward ideas on further uses of The Knights' Hall.

For more information on the above, or to offer help, contact Marion on 864254

Community Fund Grant Message

As many residents will know, Ashton Parish Council receives an annual grant from the Community Fund established by the operator of the Roade Wind Farm Ltd. It is anticipated that payments will be made for up to 25 years, the expected life of the wind farm. Payments are not made as of right, there are terms and conditions contained within the Community Fund Agreement that restrict how the money may be used. Each year, the Council is required to submit a costed plan or programme to the operator, who then considers that against the criteria and (hopefully) approves payment. The proposal can contain more than one element and can also be a multi-year project covering up to 3 years. Last year - Year 1 - the Council used the grant to part fund the swings that are now installed on the recreation field. The Council will shortly be considering projects for inclusion in this year's application and would be pleased to receive suggestions from any resident as to how the money (£4,349) might be spent and / or bids from community groups or organisations to support projects. Please note that payment is made to the Council by the wind farm operator to fund or assist with specific costed projects; the Council (and therefore the ultimate recipient) cannot receive a simple cash payment that is not linked to a project and the donor reserves the right to demand verification that the funds have been used for the purpose requested.

Further advice is available from John Marshall, the Clerk to the Council, to whom suggestions, bids etc should be submitted, preferably by e-mail to clerk@ashtonpc.org.uk or by letter to the address below, to be received no later than 31st March 2015. The Council will consider any bids and suggestions at its meeting on 8th April 2015; the Council's decision in respect of this matter is final.

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Thank You Roly Lock

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Roly Lock. Roly can be seen on many mornings, out with his dog collecting litter along the roadsides of Ashton. Litter seems to be a major problem around Ashton, as it can easily be seen this time of the year. Thank You Roly.

Stolen Property

An electric fence charger was stolen from a property in the village. The owner wanted everyone to be aware their own equipment should be secure.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes at Roade Community Centre on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm to 8.30pm

For more information - Pauline Green 01604 863 641