

## 50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

### February 2015

1st prize - Marcus Learoyd £85.00  
2nd prize - Sally Foan £51.00  
3rd prize - Vera Webster's family £17.00

68 members - Church donation. £170  
Christmas bonus. £ 33

### March 2015

1st prize - Mike Learoyd £86.25  
2nd prize - Jan Shepherd £51.75  
3rd prize - Carl Johnson £17.25

69 members - Church donation.  
£172.50 Christmas bonus. £ 50.25

For more information, Contact  
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67 Stoke Road, bronkenny@gmail.com

## ASHTON YOGA

GENTLE FLOW YOGA AND  
RELAXATION  
at Roade Committee Centre,  
Bailey Brook Lane

TUESDAYS 7.00 p.m to 8.30 p.m

(First lesson free )

£25.00 per 5 lessons or £7.00  
Drop in

Contact Pauline Green  
01604 863641 for more details

## PILATES

The Willison Centre, Roade  
MONDAYS 6pm TUESDAYS 7pm



## KEEP FIT & PILATES

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

# ASHTON Village News

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## Freeman of Ashton Celebration.

**“Drop-in coffee morning” at St Michael and All Angels on  
Saturday 18 April at 10.30**

The Parish Council has the power under the Local Government Act 1972 to recognise distinguished service to the community by the granting of the title of Freeman or Freewoman to deserving individuals.

By its nature, the power is one that is designed to be used sparingly but earlier this year, the Parish Council resolved to grant Freeman status to Bernard Day who will become the first Freeman of Ashton.

Bernard has served the community in many ways for over 30 years, as a School Governor, Trustee of the Hut Land, Church Warden and PCC member, grounds man, bonfire lighter and firework letter-offer and Parish Councillor, serving 14 years as Chairman.

To mark the occasion the Council, on behalf of the Ashton community will be presenting Bernard with a framed illuminated scroll at the **drop-in coffee morning at St Michael and All Angels on Saturday 18 April at 10.30;**

The Council would be delighted to see as many residents as are able to attend, to share refreshments and make this a memorable occasion, not only for Bernard but for Ashton.

John Marshall, Clerk and Proper Officer, Ashton Parish Council  
'Ryan's Glen', 31b Hartwell Road, Roade, Northampton, NN7 2NU  
clerk@ashtonpc.org.uk, Tel: 07505 139832

### Useful Contacts

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County Councillor - Allen Walker 01908 260302  
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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](http://www.ashtonpc.org.uk)

**Village Internet Site - [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)**

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## Ashton Parish Council

### Parish Council Elections:

Nominations having now closed, South Northants Council has confirmed that there will be a contested election for Ashton Parish Council.

There are 8 candidates for the 7 positions so electors will be given 3 ballot papers on 7th May, 1 for the General (Parliamentary) Election, 1 for the District Council Election and 1 for the Parish Council Election.

As there are seven vacancies, the procedure for voting in the Parish Council election will be different from the other two elections; having an elected Council is good for democracy, the community and those Councillors who are elected,

**Please make sure you read and fully understand the procedure before you complete your ballot paper.**

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### Wind Farm Community Fund payment:

At the Parish Council on 8th April, the Council considered suggestions from residents as to how the 2015 Wind Farm Community Fund payment should be used together with specific applications for funding.

The Council resolved to defer making any decisions until the May meeting, partly because the actual sum available has not yet been confirmed by EDF Energy, the wind farm operator but also because the applications received were not sufficiently specific to allow proper scrutiny by the Council.

Applications for funding should be on the Council's Grants Application form that can be found on the Council's website [www.ashtonpc.org.uk](http://www.ashtonpc.org.uk) by following 'role of the council, policies and procedures, grants policy and application form' or this link <http://www.ashtonpc.org.uk/role-of-the-council/policies-and-procedures/#windfarm>. Those who have already submitted an application have been advised individually of this requirement; apologies for any misunderstanding if this was not made clear.

In the circumstances, the deadline for submission of bids, that should be sent by e-mail to the Clerk at [clerk@ashtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ashtonpc.org.uk) or posted to the Clerk at 'Ryan's Glen' 31b Hartwell Road, Roade, Northampton, NN7 2NU has been extended to 30 April 2015.

**John Marshall, Clerk and Proper Officer, Ashton Parish Council  
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## Ashton Church Events

### Ashton Church Services:

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am - All Age Service
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - 08.15am - Holy Communion

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

### Ashton April Drop-in:

The April Drop-in is this Saturday 18th at the Knights Hall inside St. Michael's church from 10.30 to noon. As well as the usual coffee, tea and browse through the book stock it will be a special occasion. The Parish Council is honouring Bernard Day for all his work and commitment to us by making him a Freeman of the Village. So please come along to support our guest and join in the celebrations.

The May Drop-in is on Saturday 16th. We hope to see you all there, too.  
*Best wishes, Wendy 01604 863 627*

### 50/50 Club Draw:

The 50/50 draw is proving so popular that I am recommending introducing an extra monthly prize. 50% will still go to the church funds each month but the first prize will be reduced from 25% to 20% so that we can have another 5% prize. I have checked with South Northants gambling licence department that we are legally allowed to adapt things slightly.

I am notifying members, now, in SHARE, AVN and on the village notice boards of this proposal. The new system will start in the May draw to give people time to get in touch with me if they have any concerns,

Thank you - Bron Kenny 01604864914

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## Martin Wilson - District Councillor

Having been your District Councillor since 1999, I am not seeking re-election on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I can say that the only nomination is from Mr John Budden and he is therefore elected unopposed. He is a Parish Councillor in Hartwell and has also been elected unopposed there for next year. I have known him for all the time I have been going to Hartwell Parish Council. He will no doubt make himself known in the village in due course.

I have largely enjoyed my 16 years as your District Councillor. I wish you all and my successor all the best for the future.

*Martin Wilson*

## Old Crown Ashton

Rosie and Andy are leaving the pub on the 27th and I think they have done a good job at The Crown for the time they have been there, going "above and beyond their call of duty" to keep the customers happy and entertained. Thank you both.

Regards Anne Sale

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The fence on the playing field has been repaired by Charles Wells. If you could send out emails to everyone not to jump over fence and to walk round that would be most kind.

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As many of you will know, Andy and Rosie are leaving The Old Crown and the new licensee will be Vanessa Sutton-Darts who is the landlord of The Cock in Roade.

Andy has let me know that the kitchen in The Old Crown will be closed after this Sunday, April 12th although the pub will remain open for business. Andy leaves on Wednesday morning but Rosie will stay in the pub for two more weeks. The handover day is Monday April 27th and the pub will be closed all day.

On Tuesday April 28th The Old Crown will open under new management and will be open every day of the week from then on.

This means that the 12 O'clock club will not meet this coming Tuesday.

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## Ashton Belles W I

The Ashton Belles W I meet on the second Thursday in the month at 7:30 pm in the Knights Hall at St Michael and All Angels Church.

The W I is celebrating its centenary year in 2015 although Ashton Belles are only 3 months old. The original idea for the W I was to give women a voice and to enable them to be a force for good in the community. This still applies today. It provides a place for women, run by women of all generations and is an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge and to learn from others both locally and in the wider W I network.

Ashton Belles want to provide regular meetings and social gatherings and to improve things for themselves, their community and its future. They believe that members have the freedom to make what they want of the group with all members working together to decide on activities and events.

Do come along and visit the meetings to see if you would like to be a part of this exciting group.

Sandra Lemon 01604 863 634



**MEN'S OWN RUGBY CLUB**  
Stoke Road, Ashton  
12.00am - 12.00pm



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## Grafton Regis celebrating the 550th anniversary of the Coronation in May 1465 of Queen Elizabeth Woodville

We are holding an event in Grafton Regis on **Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>**, to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the coronation in May 1465 of Queen Elizabeth Woodville, who was born and married in Grafton. It's intended to be a fun day out as well as a feast of history.

At 12 noon in the Church of St Mary the Virgin there will be a concert of medieval choral music by The Sands Cryers and a costume drama featuring local performers. The drama will pay special attention to the legacy of Elizabeth Woodville.

At 1.30pm the focus shifts to the Village Hall, where a pig roast will take place. Teas and coffees will also be available, and a plant sale and stalls are planned. At 3pm we have talks in the Church on more aspects of Grafton's fascinating history. Entry to the talks are free.

Tickets for the concert cost £5.00 and are available from Kathy 0791 009 2132, who can also provide further information of all the events. There are full details are on the village website at [www.grafton-regis.co.uk](http://www.grafton-regis.co.uk)

Some places are also available on Grafton's historical walk & talks on April 18th, June 20th, July 11th, October 3rd and October 17th. All the walk & talks start from the Village Hall on Saturdays at 2.30pm.

## Ashton Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch Ashton crime updates

### Theft in a Dwelling:

Hartwell Rd, **Ashton**, 05-09/03/15  
(Computer, Household Appliances)

### Criminal Damage to Vehicles:

Hartwell Rd, **Ashton**, 12/03/15

### Burglary in a Building:

Stoke Rd, **Ashton**, 28/02/15-13/03/15  
(Garden Equipment)

My mailing list is incomplete. If any residents would like to receive them, all they need to do is let me have their email address.

Send it to [carlandnicola@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carlandnicola@hotmail.co.uk)  
They can of course unsubscribe at any time by letting me know.

Carl 01604 861429.