

50/50 lottery winners



Ashton Village Group

August 2015

1st prize. - Naomi Parrington £69.00
2nd prize - Rachael Ashby £57.75
3rd prize - Peter Bullock £17.25
3rd prize - Huw Waeland £17.25

69 members - Church donation. £172.50
Christmas bonus. £ 186.75

September 2015

1st prize. - Amy Waeland £68.00
2nd prize - Bron Kenny £51.00
3rd prize - A&R Sharp £17.00
3rd prize - Rachael Ashby £17.00

68 members - Church donation. £170
Christmas bonus. £ 170.00

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

Pilates with Sue



TUESDAYS 11.40am
Collingtree Village Room

TUESDAYS 7.0pm
Willison Centre, Roade

FRIDAYS 9.30am
(Fitness & Pilates)
Methodist Church Hall, Roade

All abilities Welcome
Call Sue 07587155018

Wanted children's slide.

We are looking for a garden slide for our granddaughter aged 3 if anybody has one they no longer use.

Contact Bernard Day 07766 664211

Beautiful products Great gift ideas

Independent Phoenix Trader
Sarah McAllister Tel 07753 727707
www.phoenix-trading.co.uk/web/sarahmcallister

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Sandra Lemon 863 634
Parish Council Clerk - John Marshall 07505 139832
Ashton District Councillor - John Budden
County Councillor - Allen Walker 01908 260302
Footpath Warden - Sarah McAllister 07753 727707
Neighbourhood Watch - Carl Johnson 861429

Parish Council www.ashtonpc.org.uk

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

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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Ashton School Parents Association - Mens Own RFC &
Ashton Parish Council Present

ASHTON ANNUAL BONFIRE NIGHT

5 November

Mens Own Rugby Football Club, Ashton
Doors open 6:00 - Bonfire lit 6:15 - Fireworks 7:00 - Bar closes 9:00

No Sparklers please

£3 per adult £2 per child
Raffle. Drinks. BBQ.

Information: 07738965842 or 07545462892
www.facebook.com/novemberfireworksatashton
Proceeds raised for Ashton Primary School.

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

Mens Own RFC - Dog Mess



CLEAN IT UP!

We have just collected about a dozen little gifts left by dogs and their reckless owners.

We have said before that people can exercise their dogs on our ground but NOT on the playing surfaces and take it home with you if they do foul

I don't have to remind how dangerous it can be to children's health and as we have over 150 on our pitches every Sunday we must be vigilant

Many thanks, Glenn - Mens Own RFC

School Christmas Disco (Date for your diary)

Friday 4th December, 6-9pm at Men's Own Rugby Club

Pumpkin Festival

Ashton Parish Council are pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring the annual Pumpkin Festive this year on October 31st. The festival will take place on Stoke Road Green starting at 6pm in the evening. There will be spiced apple juice provided and it is hoped that villagers will donate cakes and biscuits for the event. There is an invitation to bring your Jack 'O' Lantern along to show others. Tea lights will be provided.



As in the past the families that are happy to have the children knock on their doors to show off their costumes and perhaps have treats in reward are asked to put a Jack 'o' Lantern out or a picture of a Jack 'o' Lantern in a window. Those who do not display these will not be bothered.

The evening is free and open to all.

Saturday Drop-In

We meet in Knights Hall at the usual time of 10.30 to noon on 21 November and on 19 December, when we will celebrate the Christmas season with mulled wine and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat and a browse through the book stock. Do come and join us! - Wendy Turvey



News From Ashton Church Of England Primary School

The school has continued to be busy over the last few weeks as the new school year has started. We now have a role of 49 children in the school, and it is a hive of activity on a daily basis. The children continue to learn both inside and outside of the classroom, with the highlights so far being visits from the Life Education Bus and also the Waste Education Bus. The children have been exploring the village also, you may have seen groups of children looking at the local environment, with a focus on environmental issues. You are always more than welcome to come and visit us, and see the school in action. Please make an appointment via the school office if you would like to pop in. We also have a Tots group that meets on a Thursday in the school hall from 1:30 – 3:15 so please pop in to this if this is something you would find useful. It is a great place to meet other mums, dads and grandparents and the children have a fantastic time.

Change to the Governing Body

As I am sure you are aware, the school is supported by a group of volunteers known as our Governing Body. For many years at Ashton, the school governors have been led by Russell Hardman. He joined several years ago when he had children in the school. Russell has decided after years of dedicated service, now is the time to venture onto new things. Russell has given much time and energy to the school and as a school we would like to thank him for all he has done. We are looking to show our appreciation to him in the form of a gift, so if you would like to make a donation, please pop into the office and add to the collection. We have appointed a new chair, Mr Alex Rowe, who also lives in Ashton.

School website

We have been working hard as a school to update and change our website. I am pleased to announce it is now officially live on www.ashtonceprimary.co.uk. Please take some time to have a look around the site. The website will still be worked on over the next few weeks, with children being able to add to different areas through blogs. I have to say thank you to Alex Rowe our chair of Governors and his team of web designers. They have all worked incredibly hard, and we are extremely pleased with the result. It looks amazing!

Bonfire Night - November 5th - Rugby Club

Please join us for our bonfire event on 5th November at the Rugby Club, last year it was a huge success in the new venue, so please come along and support. Hopefully you have received an insert poster in this edition of AVN made by one of the children from the school with all the information on.

Many thanks

Melanie Whitlock
Headteacher.

Ashton Parish Council

Playground Equipment

The Parish Council have had new play equipment installed on the recreation ground. The equipment can be used from tomorrow (Thursday, 15.10.15) and includes a slide and climbing net as well as 'monkey bars'. This equipment is for older children and can be used at the parental permission.

20 MPH in the village

The parish council is currently considering a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed restriction in some areas of the village for the safety of residents and visitors alike. To support this, we would like to include details of any accidents or near misses which you are aware of occurring in the village, particularly at the most hazardous points; to and from the village, on the bend in Stoke Road, past the school and along Hartwell Road to the Railway Bridge. We do need to be aware that if this proposal goes through it will apply to all who drive in Ashton.

It would be helpful if you would let us know of any incidents along with the date if possible, also whether or not you agree with the proposal even if you do not have an incident to relate. They would like these by the end of October so they can move the proposal on. If you are able to help please let John Marshall, Clerk of the Parish Council know on

clerk@ashtonpc.org.uk or on 07505139832 or contact Sandra Lemon, on lemon.sandra07@gmail.com or on 07870588657

Mens Own RFC

We at Mens Own are trying to strengthen our links with parents, players and the community to be the rugby club of choice for the area. We are attempting to establish a way forward in reaching out to Ashton villagers and are in regular contact with parish councillors as well as the school and bonfire representatives.

Now that the rugby season is well under way, we would love to see more locals at the club and I am sure that all visitors would be amazed at the outstanding food and drink served on a Saturday and at such low prices. The warm and friendly nature of the club make it a magnet for our members and we are sure that once you visit and enjoy the rugby on the field and the atmosphere off it, you will be as hooked as we all are.

In the run up to Christmas we shall be extending our patio area and building an adventure trail to keep our young visitors occupied but we have ambitions to do so much more. Rather than being just a rugby club for our members we would love to know how we as a facility could benefit the village. What could we do to attract more members, visitors, hirers etc. I welcome any feedback or suggestions to firmly establish Mens Own RFC as part of the Ashton Community.

Glenn Nightingale 07734 1440238

Ashton Church

Afternoon Teas and Coffee Mornings

Everyone enjoyed sitting outside in glorious sunshine for the Ashton Afternoon Tea in September. A magnificent £242 was raised for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Thank you to all who baked cakes, made teas or came along and spent their money.

Carl and Nicola have kindly offered to host an Afternoon Tea on October 21st from 3o'clock. Everyone is invited to 22 Roade Hill for tea/coffee and cake. There will be a Bring and Buy, and a raffle. We are also invited to 65 Stoke Road for a coffee morning on Friday November 20th from 10.30 till 12o'clock, courtesy of Marion Jamieson. Watch out for more details nearer the time. The PCC is grateful to both these new hosts who came forward to offer their homes after our plea in the last AVN. For December, we have been invited to return to The Barn and thank the Zanotto family for that. More details later.

Mike Burton

The Rector, Mike Burton, is going to be away on sick leave until Easter. He will be undergoing some aggressive treatment and will need complete rest. During his absence, if anyone in the Parish requires information regarding weddings, funerals, baptisms etc, or any pastoral care, they should first contact Bernard Day on 07766 664211 or see the notice board outside the Church for alternatives.

Obituary - Bryan Skinner 04/03/1928-05/10/2015

Bryan Skinner was well known in the village having lived at Kassen on Stoke Road for over forty years. He spent his working life as an optician at Dollond and Aitchison's but his real loves were his Lifesaving, his Church and his roses. For more than fifty years he taught both adults and children the skills of lifesaving, including swimming in open waters. His other sporting interest was football, being a Lifelong Supporter of Arsenal Football Club. His membership number was 22!

Bryan was an active member of Ashton Church, being Churchwarden for most of the time he lived here, and remaining on the PCC until 2007. He regularly hosted coffee mornings along with Rosemary, and for many years held Pool Parties, firstly as a thank you to all the people who helped at fund raising events for the Church, and latterly as a fund raiser itself.

His remaining spare time was devoted to his garden, and especially his roses. His great interest lasted for many years and took him to Rose Shows in America as well as winning awards for his own blooms. The garden at Kassen was always opened and admired by many at the Ashton Open Gardens weekends and many people enjoyed chatting with him as he tended his roses in the front of his house.

Bryan will be very sadly missed by everyone in the village.