

ASHTON

Village News

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Ashton CE Primary School

Our Headteacher, Mrs Joan Hicks, who has been at this school for fourteen years is retiring this Christmas. To mark this occasion, the school will open from 7-9pm on Thursday 19 December 1996 when wine and cheese will be served. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those who have had contact with Mrs Hicks over the years including ex-pupils, parents and friends of the school. If you would like to attend this special evening and/or would like to make a contribution to Joan Hicks' leaving present, please contact **Julia Dickerson** at the school office on **863189**.

Ashton Gardening Group

Following a successful initial meeting, Ashton Gardening Group plan to meet on the 1st Monday of every month, beginning in the New Year. The theme for the next meeting on the 6th January will be conservatory plants. It is hoped that future meetings will include topics such as vegetable growing, bulbs, propagation and container gardening as well as garden visits and plant swaps. New member welcome. For further details, phone **Jan Shepherd** on **864414**.

Northampton Soup Kitchen

Once again can you help to provide some comforts for the homeless who have to struggle to keep warm during the winter months? Their greatest need is for woollen hats, scarves and gloves and also men's underwear. Any tinned food which can be warmed up at the Centre will also be welcomed. For further information, please contact **Joyce Kingsbury** on **864390**.

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News from Roade Scout Troop

Since becoming a mixed troop a year ago we already have 8 girls and 5 of these come from Ashton. They have all taken part in camps and two of them, Aimee Ash and Helen Rudkin, also went to the Nailer International Camp for 8 days where they joined 2000 other scouts from 11 different countries. The girls compete on equal terms to the boys and as well as learning all the usual camping skills they have already taken part in canoeing, sailing, climbing, archery and pot-holing to name a few.

Roade Scout Troop thrives on adventure and excitement. This year we started out camping on 3rd January when we spent a very wet weekend at Gillwell Park in Epping Forest. After 3 days in the Lake District at the end of November we will finish the year with an after-Christmas walk on the Malvern Hills. If you are between 10 and 65 and wish to join in some of the fun, as a Scout, Venture Scout or Helper, then give me a call at Orchard Cottage, Ashton or telephone 863278

Peter Rudkin, Scout Leader

Age Concern

I will help where I can with lifts to Doctor's Surgery, hospital appointments, etc. But for professional advice and help, please contact

Peter Light
Hunsbury Hill Centre
Harksome Hill
Northampton NN4 9QX

(Village Contact Co-ordinator)

Telephone 01604 769981

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

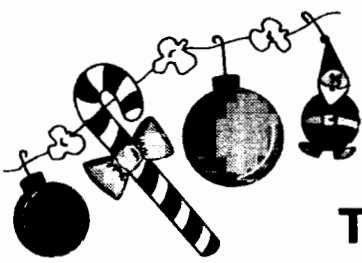
I have been informed that a total of £5,096 had been collected locally with more money still to come in. With the help of Betty Fevyer I collected £50 from the Village. I hope to count on your support again next year!

Ann Lamb

Community Casual Swimming

It's only an hour but at last we can offer a casual swimming session to the community. Every **Thursday 7.00-8.00pm** at **Roade School Pool**. Cost is £2.00 per session or £1 for under 12s and OAPs. Time allocation may increase if uptake is high. A maximum of 20 people at any one time. **NO BOOKING** - just turn up.

More information from **Sue Wagstaff** on **01604 862125**



CHRISTMAS PARTY to LAUNCH THE ASHTON APPRAISAL

on
Sunday 8th December at 12:15pm
at
Men's Own RFC Pavilion, Stoke Road

Copies of the Ashton Appraisal will be for sale at £7.50p
An ideal Christmas gift



**Light but delicious
refreshments**



**Raffle and
auction of
highly-prized
first editions**



All welcome



Tickets Adults £1.50p Children 75p
OAPs and pre-school children FREE
(prices include first drink and refreshments)

Tickets from

Old Rectory (862415) 75a Hartwell Road (862975)
20 Hartwell Road (863225) 3 Stoke Road (864879)
or available at the door



Playing Field

We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Knuff for lending their tractor again this year and to Derek Neal for mowing the playing field. Thanks also to Mr Arrowsmith for lending us his fork lift for the Guy Fawkes gala.

Guy Fawkes Gala

Ashton School Parents Association would like to thank Bernard Day, Derek Neal, Peter Rudkin and Les Mills for building the bonfire and setting off the fireworks. Thanks also to all those who attended and helped to raise a very welcome £279 towards our school funds.

Mrs Anne Plummer,
Secretary,

Ashton School Parents Association



The Parish Church of St. Michael & All Angels

Sunday 1 December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 December	3.00 pm	VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 22 December	3.30 pm	Evensong & Sermon
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.15 am	Holy Communion with hymns

We hope to welcome a team of bell ringers, including one or two from the village, to ring before some of our services, especially on the 15th.

GARDENS TIDIED

Trees pruned, Fences repaired,
Airport Trips, Home Minding

Bernard Day Tel. 862383

Ashton Ladies Group

Wednesday 11 December 1996

7.30pm

Men's Own Rugby Club

**Christmas Table Decorations
by Marina Caton**