

## POND, PATIO, PERGOLA?

Any of these missing from your garden this Summer?  
If the answer is yes, NOW is the time to put it right for next Summer.

Call **Gilbert Wilson** and his son, **Robert**, on **01908 542287** or **01604 864899** for this or any general garden maintenance.

### Acupuncture

For information or an appointment contact

**Steve Reynolds**

479 Wellingborough Road  
Northampton  
NN3 3HN

**01604 863537**

### GARDENS TIDIED

Trees pruned, Fences repaired

**Bernard Day Tel. 862383**

### OLD CROWN ASHTON

**HAPPY HOUR  
MONDAY to FRIDAY  
5.30 to 7.00**

(Reductions on many drinks)

**FOOD AVAILABLE  
12.00 to 2.30 & 6.30 to 9.30  
(NOT Tuesday & Sunday evenings)**

### DRY CLEANING SERVICE

**FULL DRY CLEANING  
SERVICE  
(including DUVETS)**

to start in  
OCTOBER

available from  
THE OLD CROWN

**MONDAY to FRIDAY  
12.00 to 3.00  
5.30 to 11.00**

**SATURDAY  
12.00 to 3.00**

Mobile Hairdresser  
Ladies/Men/Children  
**DARIEL**  
Tel. 040208 3471

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## ASHTON GARDENING GROUP

**Dave Watkins of BBC Northampton**  
has kindly agreed to host a  
**"Gardeners' Question Time"**  
on **Tuesday 9 September**  
at **7.30 pm**  
at the **Old Crown**

All are welcome

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels**  
**Sunday 28 September**  
**6.00 pm**

Other Services at Ashton during September:-

Sunday 14 September	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Benefice Praise and Fellowship Service
Sunday 21 September	11.00 am	Holy Communion

## Parish Council Meeting (12 August 1997)

Winter road and path gritting was on the agenda again. Owing to budget cuts we are no longer on the regular gritting route. Councillor Binley (our County Councillor) is trying to improve the situation.

The composting scheme - The petition which went around the village has been sent to SNC. We shall be represented at a SNC committee meeting on 17 September 97.

A request has been received for road signs on Roade Hill. We have written to SNC. St. Michaels Court was discussed. Apparently the road has not yet been adopted by SNC.

The roadworks on the A508 are expected to start on 15 September. There will be traffic lights and speed restrictions on the A508 and a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Stoke Road. The junction of Stoke Road with the A508 will be widened to improve access for vehicles travelling towards Milton Keynes. Work is expected to last six weeks.

The Parish Council has written to the Post Office supporting the reinstatement of a Post Office at the Old Crown.

The Guy Fawkes event is expected to take place again at the Old Crown

The next meeting is on 14 October 97.

Bernard Day

## Ashton Fete

Waiting for the sun to come proved to be a good move!

After Roade and Hartwell suffered dubious weather for their fetes, Ashton had a really wonderful day and we were able to make full use of the Rugby Club facilities. Everyone had a lovely afternoon and a total of £660 was raised for Church funds.

Thanks go to all those in the village who generously donated goods or helped on the stalls and to all who came along to spend money. Thanks also to RML for displaying their car and to Petmart for supplying prizes for the dog agility and of course to the Mens Own Club for the use of their ground.

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## Roade School

This summer saw the busiest holiday ever at Roade School. The playscheme was the most popular with on average 50 youngsters a day taking part in a range of activities from athletics to adventure trails in the forest. Opening the swimming pool proved very popular in the hot weather as did the adults only casual swim in the evenings.

As we approach the Autumn a large programme of activities is being organised for people in your area including fitness and swimming sessions. The facilities are available for local people to use all year round. Further details from **Sue Wagstaff** on **01604 862125**

**Stop Press!** Roade School will be making a bid to The National Lottery to further enhance its facilities - to include a **health and fitness gym and social area.**

## County Launch for CLARENCE 0800 232323

CLARENCE is a new computerised fault reporting system for members of the public to report highway faults such as damaged pavements, potholes, failed traffic lights, blocked drains and broken street lights. Open between 9 am and 5 pm Mondays to Fridays CLARENCE operators will log details of the fault and give callers a unique reference number so that they can find out what action has been or will be taken on their report. With one freephone number the problem of who to contact to report a fault or hazard on the highway is solved. Council workers are alerted to highway faults more quickly and can assess the problems more speedily. The CLARENCE freephone number is **0800 232323**