

# **ASHTON**

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Antje and Mike Learoyd would like to see you at the Old Rectory for  
the annual

## **CHEESE AND WINE PARTY**

**ON**

**Thursday 21st May**  
**Starting 7.30pm**

### **In aid of Ashton Church Funds**

so bring your money and expect to go home with little except a  
breath-taking raffle prize.

Beer, soft drinks and exotic wines are available together with a variety  
of cheeses ( particularly for those who arrive early ).

Tickets are available from Brian Skinner at  
'Kassen', Stoke Road (Tel: 863789)  
or at the door.

Price £1 which includes your first drink.

Raffle prizes, please, to the Old Rectory before Thursday. We will  
accept previous years prizes at a pinch.

Please come and invite along any of your friends who have more  
money than sense

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# Ashton CE Primary School

Ashton School Book Fund benefitted by £125 from the proceeds of the church coffee mornings held in January, February and March.

Thanks go to Dennis and Hazel again for the use of the Old Crown for these events which have proved very successful.

There will be no Coffee mornings during the summer months, but we hope to hold them again in the autumn and winter. Suggestions for local charities to share the proceeds with the Church would be most welcome.

If you would like to donate to the Book Fund you are most welcome to contact  
**Anne Plummer (862397) or Jan Willetts (863421)**

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## Rubbish Skips

Skips will be located on Stoke Road Green and Hartwell Road (Little Ashton) on Bank Holiday weekend, May 23 to 25.



## ASHTON BELLRINGERS



We are pleased to welcome four new people to our number. Shirley and Alistair Higginbottom, Helen Rudkin and Heidi Freund have all taken to ringing like 'Bats to a Belfrey'. We are grateful to Gerald for giving up his time each week to 'Show us the Ropes'. If we continue this way, the new Millenium will be 'rung in' in Ashton by a band of ringers all from the village, which will be quite an achievement.

If there is anyone else who would like to learn, there is still time.  
Please contact Marion Wilson 864254

## Reginald Lever

We are sad to announce the death of Reg Lever aged 88, who died on May 6th. Our thoughts go to his family at this time. His funeral service takes place at Ashton Church on 13 May at 12 noon.

# ASHTON CHURCH FETE

This year's Church Fete is to be a true village affair, with the Church and the School joining forces on July 18th at the Rugby Club grounds.

There will be a house to house collection during the first two weeks of July for donations to any of the usual stalls; bric-a-brac, books, toys, plants, bottles, etc and any other offers of help will be gratefully received.

Cakes should be taken to Mrs Bailey at 43 Stoke Road on Friday 17th or to the Rugby Club on the 18th.

Exciting new stalls and sideshows this year include Ram Racing and Dog and Child Agility. Meantime, buy your balloon ready for the race. There is a £50 prize for the one which goes the furthest.

See Ann Plummer 862397, Marion Wilson 864254 or any of the children from the school for more details.

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**DANGER in St Michaels Court** - We are very concerned for the safety of children who continue to play in St Michaels Court, especially those who ride or skate onto Roade Hill, into the path of traffic.

Bernard Day, Chairman, Ashton Parish Council

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## **Ashton Parish Council Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held on 21 April 98. Councillor Alex Wood was present.

Following approval of the minutes of the last AGM, a lively discussion about the Compost scheme took place. We were informed that the scheme is likely to continue. The recent trial has resulted in 27% of rubbish being diverted from land fill.

Flooding caused a number of problems over Easter. At the June Parish Council meeting the problems will be reviewed and your comments will be appreciated.

Martin Wilson is the Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch in Ashton.

The Parish Council has not yet been informed about the adoption of St Michaels Court by the SNC. Comments were made about speeding traffic, calming measures and the condition of Ashton's roads.

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## Services at St. Michael's Parish Church

Sunday May 17th	Holy Communion (Canon Denys Ruddy)	11.00 am
Sunday May 24th	Evensong	6.00 pm
Sunday May 31st (Pentecost or Whit Sunday)	Holy Communion	11.00 am

Dave and Dee apologise for the late publication of Ashton Village News and any inconvenience cause to villagers. This publication is a totally voluntary service and is not a Parish Council Publication.

### Garden Maintenance

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