

Services at St. Michael's Parish Church

Sunday Sept 16th Family Service 11.00am - Theme - The Holy Angels followed by Holy Communion - All welcome !
Sunday Sept 27th Village and School Harvest Thansksgiving Service 6.00pm - all welcome!

Note: There will be NO services on Sundays September 6th and 13th.

Among other Senior Citizens we were invited to the opening of the **School Library** by Tony Clarke MP on June 26th. It was nice to reminisce with the others who attended the school 70+ years ago.

We were also invited to attend the Church Service on July 17th for the end of term prize giving. The children had learned special songs for the occasion and the staff expressed their good wishes for the future of those children who were leaving to go to Roade. A very nice letter was sent to Mr Claude Case from the Rector, thanking him on behalf of the Evensong Congregation for his service in playing the organ for about the last 17 years. Unfortunately Mr Case has had to 'retire', due to ill health.

A. Smith.

We would like to thank Mrs Smith for her contribution to the AVN. If there are any others who could contribute news or information for the AVN please feel free to contact Dee or myself on 01604 863225, or pop a note through the door (20 Hartwell Road), or even e-mail us at davidfarrand@compuserve.com (it save on the typing !!!)

Dave Farrand

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The Old Crown Inn **Bank Holiday Monday**

**The Old Crown Inn will be open all day.
Food will be served from the barbecue throughout the day
and the kids can have fun on the Bouncy Castle**

Lunch

is served every day between
12 noon and 3pm

Dinner

is served between
6.30pm and 9.30pm
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Quiz Night:

The next Quiz Night will be
Sunday 30th August at 8.30pm

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7pm - 10.30pm (Sun)

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Ashton Parish Council Meeting

18 August 1998

Easter Floods:

South Northants Council have not replied to a detailed letter about the flood problems in the village.

A similar letter has also been sent to the Environment Agency.

Public Transport:

There has been an increase in funding for rural transport and in response to a request from the County Council we wrote with suggestions to improve the services. The County Council have been inundated with suggestions and it has taken some time to sort through. They hope to award contracts for new bus services in September to commence in November. We do not know yet if Ashton is included.

Ashton School:

A report was received on the grant outlined in the July issue of the Ashton Village News. The Parish Council voted to support the school in raising its contribution and requested more information.

Drains - Hartwell Road:

The County Council Highways Dept have installed three new drains to replace the old ones which were constantly blocking.

Playing Field Committee:

This committee has been inactive for several years and has dwindled as members have left the village. Are there any volunteers ?

Street Cleaning:

We are informed that street cleaning in the future will only be carried out in October, January and April, so please do your bit to keep Ashton tidy.

Bridge Repairs:

Bozenham Mill Lane (Hartwell section) will be closed during bridge repairs expected to commence in September.

Rubbish Skips:

Rubbish Skips are due on 5th September and will be placed at Vale Farm entrance and Roade Hill entrance to the Old Lane.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday October 13th.

Bernard Day
Parish Council Chairman.

Village Fete

The weather was kind to us again this year for the Village Fete. The sun shone and it was warm enough for everyone to browse around the stalls or take part in the Ram Racing, but it was also windy enough to give the balloons a good start on their race. The Balloon Race results will be available after September 9th.

Everyone worked hard to make the Fete a success and all those who went along to support it enjoyed a good afternoon's entertainment. A total of almost £1600 was raised to be shared equally between the School and the Church. Thanks to everybody who gave goods for the stalls or raffle and all those who sponsored the races or took part. Special thanks go to the Rugby Club for the use of their premises for what was a very worthwhile day.

Marion Wilson

School & Church Joint Ventures

After the success of the combined School and Church Village Fete, we are hoping to hold more joint ventures. If you have any ideas of what could be done as a Village effort, please contact any of the following:

Sue Mallock	864 293
Marion Wilson	864 254
Ann Plummer	862 397
Linda Frizzell	862 247

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will be held at the Old Crown again through the winter months, courtesy of Dennis and Hazel. There will be the usual raffle, bring and buy and cake stall, but this time no book library. The proceeds for the first three mornings will be shared between the Church and Greenacres Riding for the Disabled group based at Puxley.

Make a note of the following dates for your Diary:

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

All dates from 10am to 11.30 am - Everybody welcome, bring your friends.

Marion Wilson