

## Guy Fawkes Gala

Many thanks again to everyone who contributed to the Guy Fawkes Gala. Attendance was down this year, as the weather forecast was enough to keep people at home and the outside bar was no substitute for a warm pub.

However, those attending had an enjoyable evening and over £200 was raised for school funds. We are again indebted to James and Richard Arrowsmith for providing the fork lift, Dennis for the fireworks and P & F Safepac for the timber.

Bernard Day

### Ashton Village Web Site

The village internet site has been updated recently, so access the web and take a look.

[www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)



### Letter from Mark Osborne

It is with some regret that I write to inform you that as of 23 October 2000 I shall no longer be the Community Beat Officer for the Deanshanger Beat as I shall be taking over the Moulton Beat just to the north of Northampton.

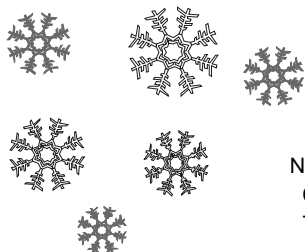
I have had an enjoyable 18 months as your officer and feel a great affection for the Beat. I would commend my successor, PC Glynn Goddard, to you.

Wishing you all the best for the (crime free!) future.

### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383  
Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904  
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254  
Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - David Farrand 863225  
Community Policeman - Mark Osbourne 01327 303209  
Towcester Police Station - Western Area 01327 303245  
Village Internet Site - [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)



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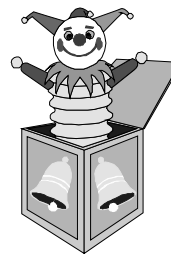
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## *Christmas Bazaar*

**Saturday 2 December  
at Ashton School  
12.00-3.00pm**

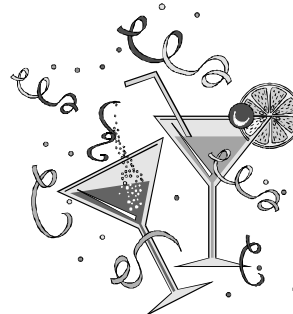


**Tombola, Crafts, Lucky Dip, Sweets, Second Hand Toys,  
Books, Games, Tea & Cakes  
plus much much more**

**Donations of tombola items, cakes, gifts, toys or jumble would be most  
welcome. Please bring to the School on Saturday morning.**

## *Family Disco*

**Friday 8 December  
at the Rugby Club  
7.30-11.00pm**



**\*Licensed bar and hamper raffle  
Entry £2 adults £1 children  
All children MUST be accompanied by a parent.**

## St Michael and All Angels Parish Church

Rector - the **Revd H W Webb**, The Vicarage, 18 Hartwell Road, Roade - 01604 862284  
Enquires re Christenings, Weddings, etc. should be addressed to the Rector.

At present we are waiting to receive expert advice on what needs to be done to improve the drainage around the church, especially by the Tower (where the water butt stands) to prevent damage to the fabric.

Those interested in such matters may care to know that the form of our Communion Services will show a slight change from December, when by the decision of the P.C.C. the now obsolete "Rite B" will give way to "Common Worship Order One in traditional language".

### December Services -

Sunday 3th	8.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	3.00pm	<b>Village Carol Service</b>
Sunday 24th	No service at Ashton	
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist for Christmas at ROADE
Christmas Day	9.00am	Holy Communion with hymns
Sunday 31st	8.15am	Holy Communion

### January Services (there is a slight re-ordering of the normal routine)

Sunday 7th	8.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	11.00am	Family Service followed by Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	8.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	3.30pm	Evensong

Church Decoration for Christmas on Saturday 16 December from 10.00am to 11.30am.  
Anyone who has gifts of flowers or greenery, or would like to help, will be very welcome.

A HAPPY PEACEFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO ALL READERS FROM THE CONGREGATION OF ST. MICHAEL'S AND BEST WISHES FOR 2001.

### Ashton Parish Council Meeting on 13 November 2000

**New member** - Mr Peter Griffin has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**Secondary School** - the Parish Council have agreed to support the recommendation of the site at Wootton for the new school in preference to the one at Milton Malsor.

**Flooding** - Stoke Road has recently been flooded. The stream has changed routes and is unable to cope as it does not line up with the bridge correctly. There have also been problems with the stream at Hartwell Road. The chairman is to contact the Highways Authority.

**Next Meeting** - Monday 8 January 2001 at Mens Own Rugby Club

## Ashton School Parents Association are holding a Tea and Cake Afternoon with Carols from the School Children for the Senior Citizens of the Village at Ashton School on Thursday 21st December at 2.00pm Hope to see you all there

### Ashton Charity Fields

At this time of year, senior citizens in Ashton receive a sum of money towards their heating bills from the Ashton Charity Fields. The charity has been in existence since the early 1800s and derives its income from the rental of two fields alongside Hartwell Road. If any senior citizens are not benefitting from the Charity, would they please get in touch with George Bailey (Chairman of the Charity) on 864516.

### COFFEE MORNING

**Wednesday 13 December from 10.00am to 11.30am**  
at **Holly House, St Michael's Court**  
courtesy of Mrs Maureen Hunter

Bring and buy, cakes, raffle  
£1 entry includes coffee and biscuits

Proceeds will be shared between the Church and the Oak Street Shelter in Northampton which makes life for the homeless a little more comfortable. At this time of year, they are especially grateful for any help.

After Christmas, we hope to return to the Old Crown for our regular coffee mornings which will be on Wednesdays 10 January, 14 February and 14 March. We look forward to seeing the refurbished pub and wish Sally and Clive every success in it.