

**The Old Crown Inn
Vacancies for Bar and Kitchen Staff**

We are looking for full and part time staff to join our team at the newly refurbished Old Crown Inn at Ashton. We are looking for people who like to be part of a team. We can offer good rates and a friendly environment. Full training will be given and an exciting career path is available for those who want to advance in the industry.

If customer service is your thing, give us a ring!
Call **Sally** on **01604 862268** to find out more.

Ashton CE Primary School

We are in the process of arranging the admission to school of children whose birthdays fall in the period 1 September 1996 to 31 August 1997. If you have a child who you are expecting to start school this September please contact the school office.

Additionally, for planning purposes we are drawing up lists of children who will possibly be starting school in the following two years (2001-2003), again please contact the school office if you anticipate your child starting at Ashton School in this time period.

The newly formed **Family Sunday School** got off to a good start with several families coming along to the Church to enjoy an art and craft session before a brief service. By the end of the morning, three "stained glass" panels had been made and, with the sun shining through the windows onto them, they looked lovely.

The **next session** will be on **Sunday 4 March** at **10am** in the Church. We shall be talking about "Praise" and making musical instruments. Everybody is welcome to come, but unaccompanied children should be collected by 11am.

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 - PC Goddard 01327 303209
Towcester Police Station - Western Area 01327 303245
Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

Bell Ringing

We are looking for volunteers to join us at 7.00pm on Monday evenings.

Please contact
Janet on 864306
Marion on 864254

Letters or Articles for A.V.N. to David & Delia Farrand, 20 Hartwell Road Telephone 863225
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The Old Crown Inn

14 February 2001

St Valentine's Evening

£24.95 per couple

**for 3 courses
plus a bottle of wine**

26 February 2001

Mexican Night

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 14 February
at the **Old Crown**
(courtesy of Clive and Sally)
from **10am to 11.30am**
Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes, etc
£1 includes coffee and biscuits

Money to be shared between
the Church and Willen Hospice

(one further coffee morning
on Wednesday 14 March)

**Monday to
Thursday**

12 - 2

Pensioners Lunch

2 courses

£3.95p

Don't forget to check out
the village web site
www.ashtonvillage.co.uk
The site is updated regularly

Letter from PC 774 Goddard

As some of you will know PC 1113 Mark OSBORNE has moved to a new area. As your new Community Beat Officer, I would like to introduce myself. I am PC 774 GODDARD and have served as a Constable for almost 25 years. During that time I was resident officer for 10 years and spent 3 years policing Silverstone. I have also worked on general patrol, incident response and traffic roles.

I am a dedicated supporter of community based, familiar policing, as a major contribution to tranquillity and security within rural areas. I hope to provide a recognisable presence. Be assured that there is a Police response, that covers 24 hours, across the area. Colleagues from Towcester provide a service with dedication and commitment, meeting calls for Police response according to urgency. It is important to recognise that my area is large and my time must be apportioned according to village needs. My response colleagues' area is very much greater.

We are very dependent upon you as potential witnesses in tackling disorderly behaviour and crime. I believe it is important that people know they can make a great difference to the security and tranquillity of their village, by openly and firmly supporting the Police, whether this is calling early with your suspicions about individuals or vehicles, thereby preventing a crime, or as a witness to give evidence following a crime.

Please do not fear being thought foolish for calling, if it looks wrong it probably is. If not, no harm will come from your concern. Criminals take advantage where they believe they will not face witnesses. Support and advice is available for witnesses. Remember, the Police can act only where

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| 1. there is an offence in law | 3. offenders are identified |
| 2. evidence exists | 4. we have witnesses come forward |

I will do what I can to support peace and security in Ashton. Please help!
The Police contact numbers are

999	for emergencies and immediate response
01327 300300	for routine and less urgent matters
01327 303209	for my desk/answerphone,
	but please accept that there may be some days' delay
	in my responding, use this for community related matters

Ashton Photographic Record - can you please loan photographs of people, places and events during year 2000 plus any photographs relating to Ashton's history? We will scan them into our computer and return the photographs promptly.

Please contact David and Delia Farrand on 01604 863225

Congratulations to Helen Rudkin and Heidi Freud

Helen Rudkin and Heidi Freund have now completed the two highest awards available to Scouts, namely the Chief Scout Award and the Chief Scout Challenge. Of the 8,000 plus young people scouting in Northamptonshire the number receiving both awards is usually under ten each year.

Last summer they travelled with three other Scouts by train to Pembrokeshire to begin a four-day back packing hike along the coastal path. They camped on cliff tops and observed the seals in the bay below, gathering information that they used to produce a tourist guide of the area. On their return they took part in a presentation at Spinney Hill in Northampton to report their findings.

The Chief Scout's Award is a prestigious award, which requires much dedication and effort on the part of Scouts. The award is only given after the successful completion of many tasks, among which Helen and Heidi have become proficient bell ringers at Ashton Church and rang in the Millennium. They have become effective leaders and good citizens. They can plan routes and read maps on the moors and in the mountains where they have been on numerous expeditions. Helen has taken part in Northampton Gang Show at the Derngate theatre and Heidi has competed in the shot-put at county level for her school.

They have dedicated the past five years to scouting, have made new friends and taken part in many new and varied activities including canoeing, caving, climbing, a survival course, leadership training and an international jamboree.

Ashton Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on 8 January 2001 at Mens' Own Rugby Club. Copies of the minutes can be found on the Village Notice Board and in a folder on the bar at the Old Crown. The following topics were discussed.

The precept for next year will be increased by £200 in line with inflation. Village sign proposals were discussed. The person dumping rubbish at Mens' Own has been traced and has been written to. The availability of Millennium Grants was discussed. PC Glen Goddard attended and gave a presentation. SNC Animal Welfare Report for last year contained 2 complaints in Ashton. The new Secondary School is to be built at Wootton Fields opening in Sept 2004. Planning permissions were discussed. An emergency meeting has held on 5 February to discuss the proposed change of use for the development at the top of Roade Hill alongside the railway.

The next meeting is on 14 March starting at 7.15pm at the Old Crown.