

St Michael and All Angels Church

22 April	6.00pm	Evensong
29 April	8.15am	Holy Communion
6 May	8.15am	Holy Communion
13 May	8.15am	Holy Communion
20 May	No service due to holidays	
27 May	6.00pm	Evensong

Coffee Mornings

Winter coffee mornings finished on March 14 and half the proceeds (£138) have been sent to Willen Hospice, the other half to Ashton Church. The coffee mornings will resume in October.

Dates for your diary :-

Garden Walks will be on **Sunday 10 June**

If you are taking cuttings or splitting plants, we would appreciate any spares for our plant stall. Bernard Day (862383) has spare plant pots.

We are also holding a sale of gardening bric-a-brac. If you have any surplus garden tools, please contact Dave and Dee on 863225

Summer Fete will be on **Saturday 21 July**

More details in the next newsletter

The next meeting of the **Family Sunday School** will be at the Church on 29 April at 10.00am. We will be making Easter Gardens and talking about the Easter story. Everyone is welcome. Coffee will be served. This would make a great start to Ashton's Village Sign and Book Launch day, so why not come along.

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
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Ashton Millennium Village Sign and Photographic Record

Unveiling of the Sign

on the Green in Stoke Road
at 12.15pm
followed by

Book Launch

at Mens Own Rugby Club
from 12.30pm

The book is a photographic record of people and places during the year 2000 plus a record of the village over the past 100 years.

View the Village Archive
Pocket Park Display
Digital Photography Demonstration
Framed Photographs available
Raffle
Tea, Coffee, Cakes
Baked Potatoes, Burgers, Hotdogs

Bar open from 1.00pm

The Rose and Castle Morris

The Rose and Castle Morris were formed in 1997 in the village of Blisworth just outside Northampton. We dance traditional clog dances from the north west of England. Over the last twenty four years we have danced in towns and villages the length and breadth of the Country, taken part in festivals in the UK and abroad and have also been seen dancing outside the odd local pub on summer evenings.

We are currently recruiting male dancers and musicians of either sex for the forthcoming seasons dancing, whether you've danced before and have just moved to the area or have no experience, we would like to hear from you.

The Team is now based in the village of Stoke Bruerne alongside the canal at the Boat Inn. We meet on Wednesday nights throughout the year from 8.15pm onwards. We will also be dancing outside the Boat Inn on the evening of 23 April, St Georges Day. Why not come along - you will be made most welcome and you might even enjoy it!!

If you are interested or would just like to know more, give us a ring - you will be made welcome.

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Ashton Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on 14 March 2001 at the Old Crown Inn. 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.

Bus Service - during public time, K Palmer noted the poor service to Ashton and suggested remedies. The Clerk is to investigate. Bus tokens are being replaced by a half price scheme. Full details are yet to be released.

Winter Gritting - after an accident in Waterloo Hollows, the Highway Authority were asked to include Ashton on gritting routes. This has been denied.

Railway Noise - see Dene Warren's article above right

The next meeting is on 9 May starting at 7.15pm at the Ashton School and will be followed at 7.45pm by the Annual General Meeting.

Refuse Skips

Saturday 21 April - Sunday 22 April

1) The Green, Hartwell Road

2) Entrance to Old Lane, Roade Hill

Crime Matters

I am pleased to report that, in two recent cases of vandalism, witnesses have come forward identifying the offenders. I, and I'm sure the residents of Ashton, are grateful for their contribution to improving the village as a pleasant environment. There have been too many incidents of damage, intimidation and anti-social behaviour for a village of this size. I understand that it isn't easy to volunteer information and identify offenders in a small community. It is most important that you don't tolerate or ignore incidents and that you call the police if something harming people or property is going on. If you have information it can be passed to the police or the village Neighbourhood Watch. Please contribute to a safer, better community.

For immediate and urgent action, telephone 999

To report non-urgent incidents, telephone 01604 700700 and ask for Western Area David Farrand, Ashton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, 01604 863225

PC 774 Goddard, Community Beat Officer

West Coast Main Line Upgrade (WCML)

You will have no doubt heard that Railtrack are to upgrade the WCML so that by 2005 track capacity will be increased to 40 track movements per hour and that the majority of these will be the new high speed tilting trains travelling at 140 mph. In principle I am in support of moving traffic from road to rail, particularly freight, but we must face the fact that for our village increased rail traffic will mean increased noise.

Railtrack can do pretty much as they please within their site boundary, but if we were all to write to our MP Tony Clarke or the DETR then we might be able to squeeze some concessions from Railtrack. There will be a Public Enquiry into the upgrading of the WCML on 12 June at the Moat House Hotel. Anyone can go along on the day and listen to the proceedings.

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