

## Ashton Roots Weekend

The Ashton Roots weekend takes place from 26 to 28 April 2002. Visitors with an interest in Ashton and the surrounding villages will arrive from all over the world to trace their family and talk about local history.

To start the weekend's activities, on Friday 26 April, a band of bell ringers from Kettering will visit the village and ring a peal at Ashton Church. This will start at approximately 6.00pm and last about two and a half hours.

We are looking for volunteers to help during the weekend and to chat with our visitors about Ashton past and present. Please contact David and Delia Farrand on 863225.

### GARDEN WALKS - a postscript

After the Garden Walks on Sunday 10 June this year, we received the following letter.

To whoever it concerns

I would just like to say a thank you to all concerned for the lovely welcome that I had in all the gardens I visited on your 'Open Garden Day', and of course thank you to the organisers.

Lynn Stokes  
Abington Vale  
Northampton

### Ashton Charity Fields

At Christmas time each 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**.

### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383    Community Policeman - PC Goddard 01327 303209  
Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904    Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 303245  
Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214    Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - David Farrand 863225  
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254    Village Internet Site - [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

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

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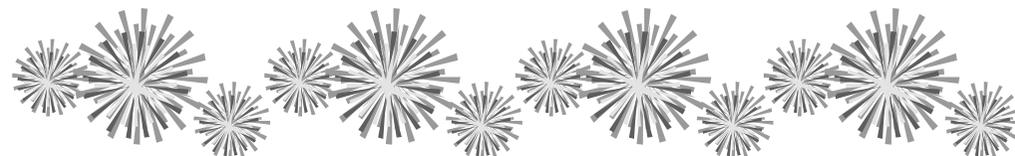
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## ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

# GUY FAWKES NIGHT



**MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER**  
**THE OLD CROWN, ASHTON**



**BONFIRE LIT**      6.15pm  
**FIREWORKS**      7.00pm  
**BARBEQUE**



**ADMISSION**  
**ADULTS**      £2.50  
**CHILDREN**    £1.50

**ALL PROCEEDS TO ASHTON SCHOOL**

**DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES WOULD BE GREATLY RECEIVED  
PLEASE CALL INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM OR TELEPHONE:**

**ELAINE**      864124  
**YVONNE**      862628  
**DIANE**      863339

## The Lychgate

You will know that the Lychgate was erected in 1902 to commemorate the coronation of Edward VII. By its position it is quite a prominent feature in the village. You will also have noted that the condition of the gate is not very good at the moment and, from comments received, the Parochial Church Council is aware that this is of concern to the village community.

Permission has been given by the Diocesan Authorities for the gate to be repaired and refurbished so that it is sound for at least another generation and not so shabby looking. The cost will be £400 approximately (original estimate of about a year ago was £350). Hopefully the work will be completed by or at least in the year 2002 - our present Queen's Jubilee Year, the 50th of her accession.

Any contributions will be gratefully received by the P.C.C. who also have to meet other heavier commitments to upgrade the general drainage, guttering and downpipes of the churchyard and church building.

H.W. Webb (Revd) - Rector

### Fred Smith

We are sad to announce the death of Fred Smith. The funeral took place on Tuesday 30 October. He will be missed by many in the village. Our thoughts go to his family at this sad time.

## Coffee Mornings

The first of the coffee mornings in The Barn at Vale Farmhouse, Stoke Road was a great success. Over £90 was raised and was shared between Ashton Church and the Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Thanks go to Mrs Zanotto for making us so welcome. Why not join us at the next coffee morning. Coffee and biscuits for £1 plus a raffle, bring & buy stall and great company. There will be also some home-made cakes and produce.

The dates are      Wednesday 14 November  
                            Wednesday 12 December      from 10.00am to 11.30am.

If anyone is in need of transport, please ring Marion on 864254.

## Northampton Soup Kitchen

Can you help to provide some comforts for the homeless who have to struggle to keep warm during the winter months? Their greatest need is for woollen hats, scarves and gloves and warm underwear. Any tinned food, which can be warmed up at the Centre, will also be welcomed. For further information, please contact **Joyce Kingsbury** on **864390**.



## ASHTON VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**FRIDAY 16 to SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
10.00am to 4.00pm**

at

**VALE FARMHOUSE, STOKE ROAD, ASHTON**

**Outstanding collection of stalls to include  
antiques, silver, amazing hats & accessories, christmas flowers,  
cards, many unusual gifts from Italy, childrens footwear, hand-  
woven baskets, decoupage gifts, personalised family pictures,  
needlepoint, home produce.**

**Refreshments will be available.**

**in aid of ASHTON VILLAGE CHURCH**

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## Ashton Church Services

Our thanks to those who donated gifts and supported the Harvest Thanksgiving service at the end of September. The harvest produce was donated to the Northampton Night Shelter and was well received.

Sunday 4 November	8.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 11 November	8.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 18 November	11.00am	FAMILY SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 25 November	10.00am	FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL
	3.30pm	EVENSONG

### Christmas Services

Sunday 16 December      3.00pm      VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

This year the service will be more like a "Crib Service" and so give the children more chance to join in. The collection will be donated to Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Monday 24 December      11.30pm      MIDNIGHT SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christenings, weddings, etc - for such events planned after the beginning of January 2002, enquiries can be made either to the Wardens or directly to the Rural Dean (Canon Michael Baker) on 01327 350459.

