

# ASHTON

## *Village News*

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### Message from PC Goddard

The Deanshanger beat area has kept me very busy over the last 12 months, mostly involving work in the bigger villages. Everywhere has, however, had some incident of note. Ashton had, until the recent events of a single day, seen a 47% reduction in crime. On Wednesday 23 January from 8pm, 8 properties in Ashton were burgled. This was a disappointment to me and a sad event for the victims of the string of garage burglaries, theft of a 4x4 and of a trailer. The western area as a whole has seen a number of such crime, clearly the result of travelling criminals activities.

I would like to try to impress upon all of the community how important it is to keep a look out for suspicious persons and vehicles. Make a note of descriptions and vehicle numbers. If there seems an immediate cause for alarm, call the police on 999 if you have fear for your or another's wellbeing or property. Pass less urgent suspicions to the Neighbourhood Watch members. Maybe you should join the scheme yourself. You can contribute to your own and the community's safety directly.

Keep vehicles locked, trailers and caravans secured and home doors and windows secure when unattended. Thieves are always about and will take opportunities. Crime prevention advice can be given by the Neighbourhood Watch or your local officer PC 774 Goddard. See the back page for the relevant telephone numbers.

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### Can you help?

Ashton CE School is in real need of volunteers to come into school and hear children read on a one to one basis. We are keen to raise standards in all subject areas but need your help to focus on reading; the more practise children can get the better will be their reading skills. The amount of time you can spare and when you can spare it may vary to suit your convenience. Anybody from the village community would be welcome and you do not need to be a parent or relative of children at the school. Please help us to improve standards and improve links with the local community. Please phone Jean Barley on 863189 for further details.

## **Coffee Morning**

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday **14 February** from 10.00am to 11.30am in The Barn at Vale Farmhouse, Stoke Road. Coffee and biscuits for £1 plus a raffle and bring & buy stall. There will also be some home-made cakes and produce. If anyone is in need of transport, please ring Marion on 864254. The last coffee morning of the season will be on **14 March** and will also be held in The Barn at Vale Farm.

The Autumn season of coffee mornings raised £260 which was shared between the church and Cynthia Spencer Hospice. The proceeds from the new year coffee mornings will be shared between the church and Playtime, the childrens therapy through play charity.

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## **Jubilee Celebrations**

The Village Group are organising a Jubilee Celebration raffle and would be grateful for the donation of raffle prizes. If you have a suitable donation, please contact Lesley Godfrey on 862027.

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## **GIVE ASHTON NEWCOMERS A WARM WELCOME**

Do you have a neighbour who has recently moved into Ashton? Help them feel at home. We would like to welcome them to the village and provide them with information that will be helpful.

Call **Pat Nevison 862716** or **Ann Lamb 862975**

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## **Bowling Club, off The Leys, Roade**

As the outdoor season is at an end the Club is planning many social events during the winter. These are to include Race Nights and Quiz Nights. At the moment, Bingo is played on most Friday evenings at 7.30pm followed by darts, skittles and carpet bowls. The Bar provides a range of drinks at very reasonable prices, also coffee. All guests are welcome to come along on a Friday evening. Social membership is available at a cost of £6.00 per year.

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The final total received in donations for the Heart Foundation in memory of Fred Smith was £360.80p. Thank you to all who donated so generously.

Annie Smith

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**Thank You** - David and Delia would like to thank Ashtoners for the anonymous donations to Newsletter funds

# Ashton Village

## Family History ROOTS Weekend



**26-27-28 April 2002**



**A unique three day (Friday - Saturday - Sunday)  
Ashton Family History Weekend in April.**

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### **Ashton from the Roman times to the present day**

**We are expecting over 200 people from all corners of the world,  
UK, America, Australia and even Hartwell !  
to gather for a weekend celebrating Ashton and its History.**

**Many will be bringing copies of their Family tree and  
Historical information about Ashton.**

**We hope to get many villagers and local people to take part,  
so even if you are new to Ashton, but have an interest  
in where you live, you will find this a fascinating weekend.**

**Those visiting with family ties to Ashton hope to meet local people from  
Ashton and surrounding area who may be part of their family.**

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- ◆ **Talks and Exhibitions of Ashton's history**
  - ◆ **Learn how to trace your own family tree**
  - ◆ **Meet long lost family members**
  - ◆ **A 'Walk & Talk' Ashton history around the village**
  - ◆ **A Study of the Churchyard to record all the Graves**
  - ◆ **Ashton Family Supper**
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**We need lots of help from Ashton people to make this unique weekend a  
success. If you can spare some time (no matter how small) to help  
please contact Dave Farrand 01604 863225  
or Andrew Fowler 01604 862904**



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



## Ashton Church Services

Sunday 17 February	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE & SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday 24 February	8.15am	HOLY COMMUNION

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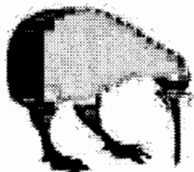
**Ashton Tree Warden** - Ashton is currently without a Tree Warden. If you are interested in taking on this voluntary position, please contact Bernard Day on 862383

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# Kiwi Carpentry UK

*Hello to you all, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know all about my services, My name is Joshua Graham and I moved to Ashton with my wife in May.*

*Kiwi Carpentry can offer anything to do with general carpentry work such as:*



*\*Outdoor timber decking, pergolas, fencing, tree houses and play areas.*

*\*Kitchens (removal & refitting)*

*\*Timber flooring*

*\*Studies*

*\*General woodworking*



*We have full public liability insurance cover for your peace of mind, and only the best quality materials are used. All work is guaranteed not only to be neat and tidy, but to last the test of time.*

**So give me a call. All quotations free**

**Contact us at**

**Kiwi Carpentry UK**

**The Grange, 87 Hartwell Rd, Ashton**

**Home. 862 934 Mobile. 07815 050 162**

**Email:Josh@kiwicarpenryuk.com.**

**Or visit my website at:www.kiwicarpenryuk.com**

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## 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)

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