

ASHTON

Village News

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Emergency Parish Council Meeting 16 April 2002 at Ashton School at 7.30pm

A public meeting has been called to discuss the proposed application by Sunley Holdings plc to convert the traditional redundant Farm Buildings at Vale Farm to create two dwellings and a new garage for the adjacent farm house. It is also proposed that the modern farm buildings be demolished.

Should members of the public wish to inspect the plans, they are available at the Clerk's house. Please ring 862904 in advance.

**Cheese and Wine Evening
Wednesday 8 May 2002
at the Old Rectory
from 7.30pm
courtesy of Mr and Mrs Learoyd
in aid of Church Funds**

**Tickets are £2
includes the first glass of wine**

**The tickets are available at the door, from Mike Learoyd on
862415 or Bryan Skinner on 863789**

**There will be a large and generous raffle
so please come along and enjoy yourself.
Everyone is welcome.**

**Ashton Golden Jubilee Feast Day
Monday 3 June
from 3.00pm
at Mens Own Rugby Club**

**Childrens Fancy Dress Parade and Competition
Childrens and Senior Citizens Tea Time Feast
Games and Races
Tug-o-war
Early Evening Disco
Hog-Roast Supper
Raffle
Band and Dancing until late**

This is expected to be a good fun day for everyone in the village and their visitors. There will be plenty of room (whatever the weather) in the Rugby Club or the marquee which will be erected in the field.

All day-time events will be free but tickets will be required for the Hog-Roast (or veggie alternative) and the evening entertainments. Tickets are £10 per adult and £3 per child if they are eating (otherwise no charge). Tickets will be sold in advance.

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**Grand Car Boot Sale
and Village White Elephant Stall**

A car boot sale, with village white elephant stall, takes place on Saturday 11 May 2002 starting at 9.00am at the Mens Own Rugby Club.

The price per car is £6.00 on the day (£5.00 prebooked, contact D Farrand on 01604 863225). Vans £7.00, extra cars £2.50 each, car with trailer £7.00. (No caterers or games). Arrivals from 7.30am.

There will be a door-to-door collection of items for the white elephant stall on Thursday 9 May. Sacks will be delivered to each house prior to that date and will be collected in the early evening. Please leave sacks outside ready. Any prizes for the Ashton Golden Jubilee Raffle (to be drawn at our second car boot sale on 10 August) can be collected at the same time. The boot sales are in aid of Church and School Funds so thank you for your support.

Ashton Village

Family History ROOTS Weekend



26-27-28 April 2002

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

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.**

- ◆ **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

Ashton Church Services

May	5	6.00pm	Evensong
	12	8.15am	Holy Communion
	19	10.00am	Family Service & Sunday School
	26	8.15am	Holy Communion
June	2	6.00pm	Evensong
	9	9.00am	Morning Praise
	16	10.00am	Family Service & Sunday School
	23		No service at Ashton
		9.15am	Benefice Communion at Hartwell
	30	10.30am	Benefice Communion

The coffee mornings finished in fine style with plenty of people (in some cases literally!) falling over themselves to visit the Barn. We were made very welcome again with a lovely log fire and fresh flowers so we would yet again like to thank Mr and Mrs Zanotto for offering us the use of their home. A cheque for **£114** was sent to the **Playtime Childrens' Therapy Group**.

Thanks also to everyone who has supported the coffee mornings over the winter. We hope to start them again in October.

Volunteers required

There will be a grand clean-up session of the Church in preparation for the Roots weekend. Anybody who could help would be very welcome - even if you are not very mobile- we need help to clean the brassware, etc! The Church will be open from 10.00am on Saturday 20 April.

On Thursday 25 April at 10.00am, the Church will be open again, this time for flower decoration. Anyone who has gifts of flowers and/or greenery, or who can help with arrangements, please come along.

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383 Community Policeman - PC Goddard 01327 303209
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