

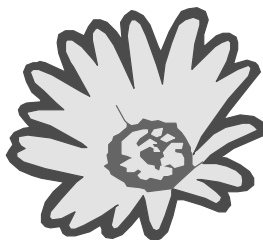
## Ashton School & Parents Association

Another great start to our fund raising programme! A.S.P.A. is proud to inform you that the wheels are in motion for the forthcoming infant play area. The school is providing funds for the ground work and A.S.P.A. is set to purchase the play equipment. Work is scheduled to start in early summer.

Also recently funded has been "additional equipment" for Art, Maths and Science lessons and a "new literacy and maths scheme", which will provide the children with an updated information package, to keep in line with the National Curriculum.

The "Pancake Toss" jointly aided the schools continued support for the little African girl named **Adiambo** who is sponsored by Ashton School, where newspaper coverage was given by the local press.

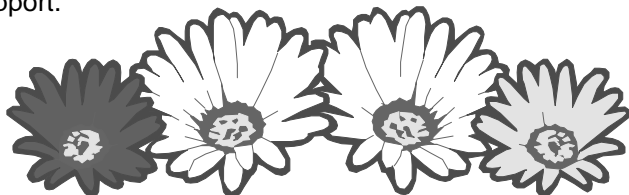
Our garden project finally took place over the Easter holiday and we are sure you will agree looks a lot tidier outside our main school gate. Thanks to all those who "slaved over a spade". We are looking for some barrel tubs to place out the front of the school classroom to complete "the look". If anyone knows where we can acquire some, any suggestions would be most welcome.



Finally a big thank you to all those who ordered plants from the school. We raised over £130! A delivery date has been set for Wednesday 14 May and collections can be made from the school playground between 2pm and 4pm on the day where the A.S.P.A. committee will be there to greet you. If this is not convenient, alternative arrangements can be made by contacting Julie James on 862732.

We owe thanks to our families and friends in the community for their contributions to a compilation of fund raising events. Ashton Primary School and the Parents Association appreciate your continued support.

**Julie James**  
on behalf of A.S.P.A.



### Useful Contacts

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## GIANT CAR BOOT SALE

**Saturday 10 May 2003**

at

**Mens Own Rugby Club  
Ashton**

**in aid of Ashton School and Church funds**

**Refreshments will be available in the Rugby Club**

**Arrivals from 7.30am**

**Trading from 9.00am**

**Prebooked £5.00 per car, on the day £6.00 per car  
Vans £7.00, extra car £2.50, car and trailer £7.00**

**Book now on 01604 863225**

**also Saturday 7 June & Saturday 2 August**

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**Ashton Parish Council  
Annual General Meeting**

**on Wednesday 7 May 2003  
at Ashton School  
from 7.30pm**

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

## Ashton School

Two new faces join the staff at Ashton School this term. One is Christabel Underwood, our new Foundation and Key Stage 1 teacher. Christabel replaces Mrs Dallagiovanna who left at the end of last term for pastures new. The second is Sarah Fallon, a Key Stage 2 teacher covering the maternity leave of Mrs Shadforth. Both new arrivals seem to be settling in well.

A great big thank you to all the villagers who saved the Tesco Computer Vouchers for schools and donated them to Ashton Primary. Whilst the scheme has now finished we will not be sending off the vouchers until later in June so if you have any lurking at the bottom of your shopping bag we would be very grateful to receive them. On the subject of donations we are still collecting used printer cartridges for recycling. Lexmark cartridges in particular are worth £1.50 each to the school and a extra special thank you is extended to Mrs Ann Sale for her contribution to this scheme.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the photographer will be in school and also happy to take family group photographs of parents and grandparents. If you would like to have a professional photograph taken please speak to the school office.

The school still has some places available for our Reception Year group due to start in September 2003. If you know of anyone who is still looking for a place or has failed to get in at their preferred school, why not give them our number and we can send them a prospectus.

The school can be contacted     by phone on 01604 863189  
  by email [bursar@ashton.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@ashton.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

Our web site can be viewed at [www.ashtonprimary.uk.org](http://www.ashtonprimary.uk.org)

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The **Ashton Village News** has been published every couple of months since 1992. Although David and I contribute our time and effort in putting together each issue, we use donations to cover the cost of printing 150 copies. Since 1992 we have been fortunate to receive regular donations from many kind people. We would like to ask for donations towards future issues. Thank you.

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We would be grateful for donations of **cakes, traybakes, cookies and flapjacks** for **refreshments** in the Rugby Club at the **Car Boot Sale**. We will be happy to collect them on Friday afternoon.

Please contact Delia on 01604 863225 if you can help us.

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**Plessey Angling Club** has around three and a half miles of the peaceful River Tove at Bozenham Mill offering a large range of fishing types. There are currently opportunities for new members. Contact Peter Stewart 01327 811676, Jeff Hull 01604 863262 or Mark Stewart 01604 757303

## Ashton Millennium Group

A little over four years ago, the Ashton Millenium Group met for the first time. Now, four years on, the work of the Group is finished and it is being disbanded. We were late starting, we are late finishing. In the meantime :-

we celebrated the incoming millennium in style at St Michael's Church on 1 January 2000. It was a sell-out. (Who says cloudy beer isn't good beer?)

the Ashton Millenium calendar was hung not only on our walls, but also on walls in America, Canada, Australia and other parts of the world.

we talked endlessly about a village sign, where, what materials, design, planning consent, funding .... we then started to talk again. Eventually we got that of the ground (or into it) and baptised. Then the discussions about the garden began. The results are now there for all to see... but didn't we talk!

and, through the good offices of Jeremy Roychourhury, we enjoyed "Ashton 2000 Past and Present", our village record in pictures.

We should not forget the yew tree in the cemetery; it will continue to need its share of TLC for some time yet. And is there anyone out there who would like to kickstart the plan for Ashton's pocket-park? Railtrack were very pleasant to deal with but very elusive. Perhaps with the Roade Hill happenings their successors, Network Rail, may feel they owe us something.

Thank you to all who supported us in whatever way, by working, talking, advising or negotiating or indeed attending the gatherings and putting your hands in your pockets. I will not single out anyone for special thanks. For such a small village, Ashton is lucky to have a large group of dedicated volunteers. We are therefore about to close the account. Wonderfully we have a small cash surplus (just over £300) and have agreed that this should go to our Primary School.

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**Martin Wilson** stood unopposed at the local elections held on 1 May. He will therefore continue to serve as your **District Councillor** for the next 4 years.

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**Congratulations to Diane and Rob Shadforth** on the safe arrival of Cara Juliet on 26 April. A sister for Oliver and Jason.

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At the **Car Boot Sale** on **7 June** the village will be running a **White Elephant stall**. Please look out any of your unwanted bric-a-brac for collection during the week before the sale. More details in the next Newsletter. **Prizes** for the **raffle** at the **Midsummer Festival** will also be welcome