

## Ashton Events over the year

### Mid-summer celebration :

The Mid-summer celebration was a very happy event and the weather was extremely kind to us. The barbecue was worth waiting for and the Roade Community Orchestra kept us well entertained. The races were run in the true spirit of the day. This was not intended to be a fund raising effort, but just a fun day for the village.

### Ashton Gardens Walk :

The Gardens Walk was most enjoyable. The weather was kind to us again and plenty of people came and had a lovely time looking at the variety of gardens open. Everyone was most complimentary, not only about the gardens, but also about the village, the teas, the people, and even the organisation! So no wonder we all had a good time!

### Three Car Boot events :

The three Car Boot events were building on the successes of our previous ones over the last few years. The final event on the 2nd of August was our best ever.

### Thank you all :

We would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL those people who committed so much of their time & effort to make these events a success. In particular we would like to thank the Mens Own Rugby Club for their help & support. Without the use of their premises many of the events could not have happened.

A total income of just over £5,000 was raised by these events. The proceeds went to the Church, School and Village Group funds.

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## Ashton Talk & Tipple

Monday 25th August 2003

11.00 am starting at

Mens Own Rugby Club car park

Memories of last year's Roots weekend may be fading, but you may recall the guided tour of the village, covering its history and all things Ashton.

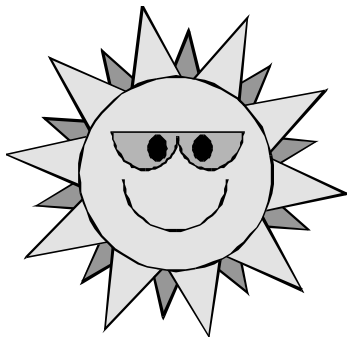
As many of the village missed the successful Roots weekend walk and talk, Dave and Andy have agreed to lead another walk on Monday 25th August starting at the Rugby Club at 11.00 am.

The tour will include anecdotes and information (The Talk) and a stop at The Old Crown (The Tipple) where offers of liquid refreshment will be accepted by the leaders!

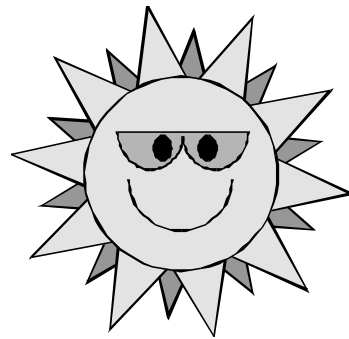
The estimated finishing time for the whole event is about 2.45pm,. However people may join in at any point of the tour. Following a similar format to the Roots weekend walk & talk, the Talk & Tipple will be a very informal tour and the leaders hope to learn more about the village from those joining them.

No charge for this, but donations to the Village Fund will be gratefully received, as funds are rather depleted after the purchase of the village marquees.

**in aid of Ashton Village funds**



**FAMILY  
FUNDAY**



**Saturday 30 August 2003  
from 2.00pm til late  
at Mens' Own Rugby Club**

**Disco - Bar - BBQ  
EGG THROWING CONTEST**

**BOUNCY CASTLES**

**STALLS**

**FACE PAINTS & LOTS MORE**

**CAR BOOT SALE  
from 1.00pm**

**This could be your last chance to clear out the loft /  
garage / shed this year & make ££££ from it !!!!!  
For more details, call 07793 366 044**

**Come & support the Mens Own Rugby Club**

### **Ashton Marquees**

Following the success of last years Jubilee event and the huge cost in hiring a marquee for the event, the village group decided to purchase a marquee of their own. Two marquees were purchased, each 4m x 10m. As seen at the Mid summer celebration, they may be joined together to give a super 8m x 10m cover.

We used the marquees at all the events this year & they proved to be ideal as an insurance against wet weather. The marquees are available for hire from the village group. Call Andy Fowler on 01604 862904 for more details.

### **Unclaimed Ashton BBQ Raffle Prizes**

The following raffle prizes were unclaimed at the Midsummer Celebration / BBQ event. Please contact Marion Wilson for more details on 01604 864254

Orange	22	Toy Helicopter
White	253	Oven Glove & Cassette Cleaner
Yellow	1	Christmas lights
White	167	Balti dishes

### **Ashton Internet - Broadband???**

For those of us who are regular users of the internet in Ashton, most are aware that the village & local area (the Roade telephone exchange) cannot at present get the much faster Broadband internet access. BT have agreed that if 250 people register an interest with them for the Roade area exchange, they will consider installing a Broadband access point. At present BT have 185 registered so only another 65 names are needed.

If you would like to have the option for Broadband in Ashton then please register with BT by calling 0800 800 060 & leaving your details. For more information, contact Chris Notley on 863 172

### **Dog Fouling in Ashton**

It has been reported over the last few months that there is an increase of Dog Fouling in the village. Dog owners are reminded that this is an offence and, if discovered, they will be reported & possibly fined.