

## St Michael and All Angels Services for April

Sunday 4 April (Palm Sunday)	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Sunday School
Thursday 8 April (Maundy Thursday)	7.30pm	Benefice Service of Holy Communion (Roade)
Friday 9 April (Good Friday)	10.00am 2.00pm	United All Age "Workshop and Worship" (Methodist Church, Roade)
	7.30pm	United "Meditation on the Cross" (Hartwell)
Sunday 11 April (Easter Day)	8.15am	Evening Service (Roade)
Sunday 18 April	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 April	9.15am	All Age Service Holy Communion

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**FOR SALE**  
**FIREWOOD/LOGS**  
**Ring Bernard Day on 862383**

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### GTRM Maintenance Site Incident Report Form

As agreed at the meeting held on 16 February at the school, a form has been designed with which to report incidents relating to the Network Rail site. One copy of the form is included with this newsletter. The form includes instructions for its use. If more copies of the form are required, they can either be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council or be downloaded from the Ashton Village website, which has recently been updated. The form is held in two formats; Word (.doc) and Adobe Acrobat (.pdf).

Stephanie Fowler, **Clerk to the Parish Council**, can be contacted on **862904**

The village website is [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

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#### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383	Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300
Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904	Community Policeman - PC Brown 01327 303215
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254	E-mail - Justin.Brown@Northants.PNN.Police.uk
Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214	Village Internet Site - <a href="http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk">www.ashtonvillage.co.uk</a>
	Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

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

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# ASHTON

## *Village News*

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### CELEBRATE EASTER @ ASHTON SCHOOL

Friday the **2nd April** is the last day of term and a day of Easter celebrations:-

1.30pm	School Assembly, parents & friends are welcome.
1.45pm	Judging of Easter mask competition
2pm	Quiz & Easter egg hunt
2.45pm	Refreshments & children's playtime
3pm	Raffle prize draw.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the afternoon of fun. Raffle tickets are available through Yvonne Hardman, who will be happy to visit you before Friday 2nd April or feel free to call at the school office during school hours. The proceeds will be split between ASPA and our 'World Vision sponsorship' of Adihambo, a 10 year old child in Kenya. Prizes will include Easter eggs, the delights of Chocoholics, a beautiful ladies watch and more! All donations will, as ever, be gratefully received.

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### Ashton's Vale Farmhouse Shop

10.30am to 4.00pm  
Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday

For more information, telephone 07711 628246



### Easter at Vale Farm Shop

Please come along and visit the shop. We have new season lamb, plus wonderful beef and pork. Especially for Easter we have Swiss chocolate, beautifully decorated chocolate Easter eggs from Venice, home made fruit cake, glorious Italian ice-cream and lots more.

Buon appetito  
Betta and Carole

## ASHTON SCHOOL & PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Hello all, Please find enclosed with your AVN our summer Bedding Plants order form for everyone to purchase. At very competitive prices, we are sure there will be something to tempt you. Please see your order forms for more information.

**JUST TO UPDATE YOU....** This year we are fund raising for a rather larger project than usual, the refurbishment of the children's Bathroom/Toilet facilities and the recarpeting of both the infant and junior classrooms. As the cost for this is quite high, we have approached B&Q for help, who have reserves for applications such as ours. We should have a reply by the 5th July, so "Fingers crossed"!!

**THE STORY SO FAR....** We give thanks to everyone for their kind donations, whom without our "Wishlist" would not be possible. Our latest purchases include a pull down white screen for the main hall, to aid the children in school performances, percussion instruments and seminars for improved musical performances, Art workshops to enhance the children's creative abilities, new flipcharts for the classroom and 2 new netball posts to replace the old rusty and dated ones.

**STOP PRESS....STOP PRESS....** News just in; delivery of the new school gate has been confirmed. Finally, on behalf of the ASPA committee and Ashton School, a sincere **THANK YOU** for your continued support

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The Church will be open for **Easter flower decoration** on **Saturday 10 April from 10.00am**. All help will be welcome and if you have any flowers or greenery to spare, please bring it along to the Church.

**Joyce Kingsbury** would like to thank everyone who supported her **sponsored sleep-out** on 23 January. **£470** was raised. Joyce and the organisers are very grateful to you.

**Coffee mornings** finished in March with the profit of **£164.70** from the 2004 mornings being shared between the Church and Cynthia Spencer Hospice rebuild fund. This was a very good effort and thanks go to all who came along and to Mr and Mrs Zanotto for the use of The Barn.

The **Cheese and Wine evening** was very successful. Thanks go to Mike and Antje for hosting the event again this year. Everybody enjoyed themselves and a total of £365 was raised for the Church with the same amount being sent to the Cynthia Spencer rebuild fund.

The first **Car Boot Sale** is on **Saturday 8 May**, so start looking out any treasures you could donate to the Village White Elephant stall. More details in next AVN.

## SCHOOL SCOOP

If you're looking to be involved in village life why not become a volunteer at Ashton Primary? Whatever your talent might be, music, art, computers or listening to children read, we could find something useful for you to do. It only takes an hour of your time each week to make a difference, so why not give us a call on 01604 863189

A big **thank you** to all those who donated used printer cartridges to the school for recycling, in particular Ann Sale. The school will soon receive a cheque for £35 for it's most recent collection.

It's Tesco time again as the retailer is giving away 1 "computer for schools" voucher with every £10 spent. This year the scheme runs from 23 February to 2 May. A small school like ours really appreciates the help of the local community. So please ask friends and relatives to collect for Ashton School

### Admissions September 2004

Time is almost up to reserve a place for your child in our Reception group for September 2004. If you know someone from outside Ashton who is looking for quality education for their child please ask them to call the school for a prospectus or to arrange a visit.

Our Parent and Toddler group is booming at the moment with a number of new participants. So if you and your toddler are free on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm please call in we'd love to see you.

### Keep in Touch

Would you like to be kept up to date about school life? We are now offering the opportunity for families who do not currently have children at the school to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter as well as invitations to school events/musical performances and details of Ashton School Parents Association activities. If you would like to go on our mailing list please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to the school.

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#### Ashton School Newsletter Database

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Address.....

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Number of children .....Ages.....