

NO NEED TO PANIC.....YET!

but once the children are back at school, the countdown to Christmas begins.

DON'T WORRY!

Christmas puddings and **brandy butter** will be available from 20 September. Prices held from last year. Large pudding (2lb) £8.75, small pudding (1lb) £4.75, brandy butter £2.25.

Satisfied customers from previous years will want to make sure of their order. New customers are welcome.

To order, contact Marion (864254) or Ann (862975).

Message from SNC Animal Welfare Officer

The sunny days are here at last, along with stray dogs!!!!

Open doors and gates are a wonderful opportunity for dogs to take themselves for a walk. Make sure yours isn't one of them. At worst your dog could cause an accident, injuring itself and maybe injuring people.

Your dog will most likely foul the footpath or grass area where people walk and children play. This is not pleasant when taken home on your shoe. If your dog is seen fouling, a fine of £50 could be on its way to you.

Finally, if your dog is reported and picked up by the Dog Warden, it will cost you £36 plus kennelling and vet's fees to get your dog back.

Please remember your dog must wear a collar and tag with your details on it and should not be left to roam freely.

Look after your dog as he/she does not deserve to be a statistic.

Useful Contacts

Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383

Police Community Support Officer - Tara Cooksammy

Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904

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Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254

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Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214

Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

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 CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 14 August 2004

at Mens Own Rugby Club

In aid of Ashton Village Projects

Arrival from 07.30 am

Trading 09.00 am

£5.00 per car prebooked or £6.00 pay on the day

Vans £7.00 Extra car £2.50 Car & Trailer £7.00

(no Caterers or Games)

Book now 01604 863225 or www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

Please give us your support.

Harvest Weekend at St. Michael and All Angels

Ashton is celebrating the re-furbishment of its Victorian Church organ with a Harvest Festival Concert on the evening of **Saturday 25 September**. This will follow a busy day of activities in the Church for all of the family.

Saturday's timetable is as follows:-

10.00am to 11.30am **Decoration of the Church** with flowers, fruit and vegetables.

We are hoping to have a demonstration of flower arranging after which everyone will participate in decorating the Church.

We would be grateful for donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables and greenery. Please bring to the Church at 10.00am.

Craft session (possibly making harvest loaves)

11.30am to 12.00 **Historic Revelations**

A brief talk on some of the interesting points in the Church's history.

2.00pm to 3.30pm **Music Making**

for children and adults who think they have no musical talent at all, but are willing to be proved wrong!

7.00pm to 9.00pm **Harvest Festival Concert**

with contributions from Canon Davidson, sections of Roade Community Orchestra and other local musicians and performers.

If you have musical talent, can either play an instrument or sing and would like to take part, please contact Diane Lumsden (862777) or Marion Wilson (864254)

Sunday at 10.30am **Harvest Festival Service** (with the school)

Request from Ashton Parish Council

It has been noted that there are some people in the village who have parked their cars on grass verges. The Parish Council would like to inform these people that this type of parking is causing damage to the verge and, more importantly, blocking the pathway. Could these people please find alternative parking arrangements.

Roade Wine Club

A Wine Club has recently be set up at Roade which offers wine tasting events, discounts on purchases and special offers on sale-priced wines each month. There is no joining fee. A small charge of £8 or so is made for wine tasting events to cover the cost of the wines, the premises plus the cheese and biscuits.

The next wine tasting is on Tuesday 12 October 2004 from 7.30pm at Piano Forte Bowls Club at Roade. If you are interesting in finding out more, please contact Pete McAlear on 01604 862358 or e-mail pete.mcalear@wineschoppen.co.uk.

St Michael and All Angels August Services

Sunday 15th	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	All Age Service
Sunday 29th	8.15am	Holy Communion

There is no **Sunday School** in August. The next one is on **5 September** at 10.00am and will be lead by Diane. This will be a good way to start the new term with a short act of worship followed by a craft session and refreshments. Why not come along and give it a try? Parents and children are welcome.

Some observations from Mike Learoyd

During the late afternoon and early evening of Thursday 5 August, Ashton experienced one of the most severe rain and electrical storms it has known in the last thirty five years. Whilst the rain was still thudding against the windows and the floor was regularly enlightened by lightening, St Michael's church bells rang out. Our bell-ringers were not to be deterred by the irrelevant interruptions of nature!

Did you spot Antje's Ashton owls in the Chronicle & Echo of the same date? Antje spotted and snapped two sleepy but satisfied owlets in a tree above the rugger ground early one July morning. The Chron published their photograph in fluffy repose.

Plessey Angling Club

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