

# ASHTON

## *Village News*

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Ashton School Parents Association, Ashton Parish Council and The Old Crown present

## **BONFIRE NIGHT**

**Friday 5th November**  
**At The Old Crown Pub, Ashton**

**Bonfire lit 6.15**  
**Fireworks 7.00**

**Firework display bigger than ever!**

**Hotdogs**  
**Burgers**  
**Drinks**

**Entrance**  
**Adults: £2.50**  
**Children £1.50**

**Proceeds from entrance and raffle go to providing new ICT equipment and resources for Ashton CE Primary School**

## ***From the Tower Captain (Or Desperately Seeking....)***

Firstly, thank you to Mike Learoyd for your observation of our diligence, but I notice no mention was made of our ringing! At least it chased away the storms!

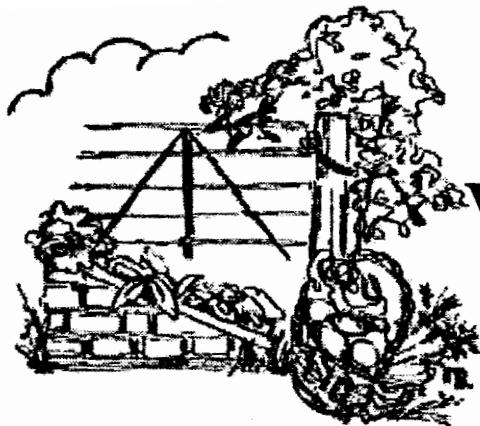
With regard to our bell ringing, Ashton Church has 5 bells, but the village itself now has only 3 active ringers; myself Helen Hall, Marion Wilson and June McAlear from Roade. The bells are kept ringing and available for services and weddings purely through the generosity of Jean Tipler, Peter Costello and Helena Frost, who are all from Roade Tower and give up their time to Ashton in addition to their own commitments to Roade. A **BIG** thank you is due to them.

I started ringing 3 years ago to meet people in the village after we had been here about 9 months and I soon discovered it had the added benefit of being excellent for keeping at least my upper body in shape (with no expensive gym membership!) and my sense of humour gets an airing also, as none of us take ourselves *too* seriously!

We give up one hour each week for practice, and the odd hour or two at weekends for special services, but if one of us has a prior commitment we have to cancel or request assistance from other towers, as we can only ring one bell at a time! Because of this, we are desperately seeking new (or lapsed) ringers to join our tower and swell our numbers. All we ask is one hour each week on Thursday evenings 7- 8 pm, and a willingness to learn. You don't have to be musical, just able to count. Children over 12 are also welcome, but parental permission will be required for under 18's.

If you are interested in getting a bit fitter and having some fun at the same time, ring either Helen Hall on 863825 or Marion Wilson on 863254 or come along on a practice night. You'll hear us when we are there!

Helen Hall



# **Christmas at Vale Farmhouse Shop**

**10.30 am - 4.00 pm  
every**

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
07711 628246**

**Come and see our original Christmas presents -**

**candles, small hampers, antiques, fresh garlands,  
wrapping paper and special Italian delicatessen**

**Would you like to have a superb turkey for Christmas?  
You are now able to order your  
KELLY BRONZE turkey with all the vegetables you  
need !!!**

**Hope to see you soon**

**Betta**



**Vale Farmhouse Shop  
Stoke Road  
Ashton**

## **Cars parked on Grass Verges**

Following our last publication regarding cars parking on grass verges. There has been a reply from a villager about the problems of parking and the reasons it occurs. This has been taken up with the Parish Council.

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## **Poppy Day collection**

There has been a great response to the poppy day collection. Andrew Fowler has covered the village over the last few days. However if he has missed anyone, poppies may be purchased from the Old Crown.

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## **Plant sale - Gardens Walk**

We have provisionally booked the 12 June 2005 for our 'Ashton Gardens Walk Day'. To help support our Plant Sales, please think of us when you are taking cuttings etc. A few extra cuttings taken now, when rooted in the spring would be ideal for our plant stall.

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## **Christmas Puddings & Brandy Butter**

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).

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### **Useful Contacts**

Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383

Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904

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