

ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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A big thank you goes out to all who helped raise £140 at the Virgin Vie night. The money will be used towards updating the schools computer equipment. A great night was had by all. Also thank you, to all of you who supported our Bonfire night at the Old Crown and the Christmas Disco held at the Rugby Club

Thank you from ASPA

Dates for your Diary CAR BOOT SALES - 2005

We have now arranged the Dates for the Village Car Boot sales for 2005, they are:-
Saturday 21 May - Saturday 25 June - Saturday 13 August

Plant Sale - Gardens Walk

We have provisionally booked 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.

At Christmas time each year, senior citizens in Ashton receive a sum of money towards their heating bills from **Ashton Charity Fields**. The charity has been in existence since the early 1800s and derives its income from the rental of two field alongside Hartwell Road. If any senior citizens are not benefitting from the Charity, would they please get in touch with **George Bailey** (Chairman of the Charity) on **864516**

Ashton Village News has been regularly published for over 12 years. We hope that it provides a service to our small community. David and Delia provide the service freely but the cost of printing has been assisted by donations from people within the village. **Any donations would be gratefully received.**

Useful Contacts

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Police Community Support Officer - Tara Cooksammy

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Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383

Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904

Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254

Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214

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

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CHRISTMAS 2004 ISSUE



Christmas Services at Ashton Parish Church

Sunday 12th December	10.30am	Village Carol Service
Friday 24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharis

Please see our attached leaflet for Church Services in other villages.

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).



ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Ashton Parish Council would like to remind all residents of Ashton that they are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and raise any issues they wish.

The only requirement is that the Clerk be notified 48 hours prior to the meeting that they will be attending and advised of the issue that they wish to raise.

The Clerk can be contacted at 4 Hartwell Road or phoned on 01604 862904

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of alternate months unless stated otherwise. The next meeting is at the village school on the 12 January at 7.15pm.





New Burglary Helpline

We are writing to you on behalf of the Area Commander for the Western Police Area of Northamptonshire, which comprises of Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Council areas.

We are informing local residents of a new initiative we have developed to tackle burglary in the area. We have chosen this route because we believe that it will give us direct access to the people who live in Western Area, rather than rely on the press or broadcast media, which can be a hit-and-miss approach.

Whilst burglary is not a major problem for this area in terms of numbers, it can have a devastating effect on those who become victims, and we believe that we should do everything we reasonably can to prevent these crimes from happening.

Given the essentially rural nature of the area, and the limited resources we have access to, it is very difficult to predict when and where a burglar will strike, and to be able to deploy resources accordingly. Thus it is vital that we should recognise that fact, and encourage householders to adopt a "self-help" approach. This may involve the fitting of better locks and bolts, or the use of modern technology, or it may mean changing the habit of a lifetime, such as locking the front door when you are working in the garden!

In order to make crime prevention advice widely available in our area, we have set up a dedicated phone line where residents can ring in to request a burglary pack. The pack comprises of leaflets giving advice on measures to make your home more secure, how to deal with distraction burglars, property marking, an ultra violet marker pen and advice on choosing a burglar alarm.

If householders follow the advice contained in the pack, they will considerably reduce the chances of becoming a victim of this distressing crime.

This is available FREE to residents of the two Districts. All they need to do is to telephone the dedicated phone line, where they will hear a recorded message, then leave their name, address (including postcode) and phone number.

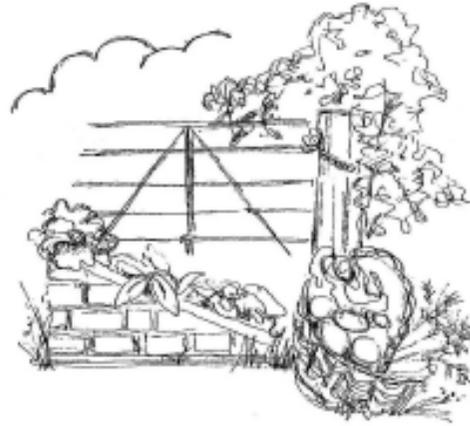
The number is 01327 303189

Alternatively, they can e-mail the following address:

crimereduction-western@northants.police.uk
and leave the same information.

We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Mike Scragg
Crime Reduction Officer



Christmas at Vale Farmhouse Shop

10.30 am - 4.00 pm

every
Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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

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Vale Farmhouse Shop
Stoke Road
Ashton
07711 628246

