

ASHTON

Village News

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Ashton School Parents Associaton, Ashton Parish Council and the Old Crown
presents

BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 5th November
at the Old Crown Pub, Ashton

Hotdogs
Burgers

Firework display



Bonfire lit at 6.15pm
Fireworks from 7pm

Entrance
Adults £2.50p
Children £1.50p



Proceeds to Ashton School

Re: A508 Ashton – Stoke Bruerne cross roads

Stoke Bruerne Parish Council has been concerned for a long time about the safety of the above junction. Despite various signs and other minor measures, accidents continue to happen here with alarming regularity.

The Council is urging the County Council to fund more substantial improvements to the junction; however, part of the difficulty is that many of the incidents which do occur are not recorded because there is no injury involved. The Parish Council, via its newsletter, is asking residents to record any such incidents and even 'near misses' which may have happened over the last two years and to send them in, so that a compilation of the problem can be made.

The Council imagines that Ashton residents must also suffer difficulties with this junction and asks if your Parish Council would consider making a similar request to them, to record recent incidents and to pass the information to me.

Contact Councillor ***Mrs Cooper 01604 863397.***

Or Ashton Parish Clerk ***Mrs Fowler. 01604 862904***

Ashton Coffee Morning - Thursday October 13th 10.00 – 11.30am

Coffee Mornings will start again on the second Thursday of the month for October, November and December.

We offer a warm welcome to anyone in the village or beyond who may like to join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat around a real open fire.

At Broadacres, Roade Hill, Ashton

Raffle, Bring and Buy - £1 (includes coffee and biscuits)

Marion Wilson 01604 864 254

Ashton School – Christmas Disco, advance notice

Ashton School Parents Association are holding their annual Disco at the Rugby Club on 2nd December. There will also be an Auction of Promises that has proved to be so popular at previous events.

Further details will follow in the next Ashton Village News issue.

Julie James 862732

**You are invited to
A Pampered Chef Evening
at
Ashton School**

**on Thursday 20th October
at 8.00pm 'till it's cooked!**

**This will involve a cooking demo and preparation of a tasty dish,
followed by a tasting session. It is for good cooks and bad cooks alike!**



**This is a fund raising event and 15% of the sales value will be donated
by The Pampered Chef to Ashton School**

**RSVP to Diane Shadforth 863339 or Julie James 862732
by Monday 17th October
Thank you.**

Ashton Churchyard -

As we approach the end of the year, and the leaves begin to fall (did they ever stop with the wind we have had this year?), it is very noticeable that the Churchyard is looking as good as it has been for a number of years.

This is due to a lot more folk that have been looking after their families grave. Not only that, but many more have attended to the grave next door, which has made their families grave look even better.

Thank you all and well done - may the good work continue

**Bryan Skinner
Ashton Church Warden**

Dog Fouling in Ashton -

As a responsible dog owner / walker in Ashton I have the following points to make:-

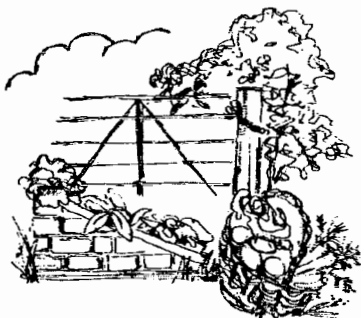
People are allowing their dogs to foul the grass verges, pavements and not cleaning it up. Even the local farmers are annoyed at the amount of dog faeces by the gates to fields.

People need to be made aware of the danger of dog faeces to young children who play where dogs have been.

Dogs not kept on leads and under control makes life difficult for other responsible dog owners.

Please be a responsible dog owner
Bag it - Bin it - Keep your dog under leash control
Think of the children !

a concerned village dog owner



Vale Farmhouse Shop

10.30 am - 4.00 pm

**every
Thursday, Friday and Saturday**

Vale Farmhouse Shop
Stoke Road
Ashton
07711 628246



Community Speed Watch - Ashton Village

Community Speed Watch is a new partnership initiative operating in Northamptonshire.

Community members are given training on the use of hand held speed guns which are used to monitor the speed of traffic through their village. The community cannot of course issue speeding tickets, but the information gathered is sent to the Police.

The main purpose is to promote a culture change among drivers towards speeding and so improve the quality of life of all residents.

Aims of Community Speed Watch

- √ To reduce excessive speed in our village
- √ To change people's attitudes towards speeding.
- √ To create a safer environment
- √ Empowering communities to work together

What benefits will the village receive?

A number of measures can be implemented these include:

- √ A monthly visit from the Safety Camera mobile unit
- √ Use of portable Speed indicator devices
- √ High visibility Community Speed Watch Boards for erection on lamp posts and telegraph poles.
- √ Loan of a hand held speed gun for use by locally trained community members
- √ Raising the awareness and risk of speeding in villages
- √ A safer environment

To qualify to undertake the project, the Parish Council needs to gather 20% of population or 500 signatures (whichever is the lesser) in support of the project.

As this project is on a first come first served basis, would those interested in supporting this community project please contact.....

Ashton Parish Clerk

Mrs Fowler. 01604 862904

as soon as possible

A New Ashton Baby - Helen & Martin Hall

On the 7th October a baby Girl, Lucy, to Helen, Martin and Family. Congratulations.

Ashton Playground Group - meeting 18th October

We are a group of Mums interested in trying to set up a playground in Ashton and are looking for ideas to raise funds and letters of support.

There is a meeting, open to all, at the Old Crown on Tuesday 18th October at 8.00pm. Please come along and support us.

Kelly Martin 01604 863624

Ashton Car Boot Sales - Support

We would like to thank all of those who have helped us over the past year in support of the village Car Boot Sales. Without your support they would not have been possible. Thank you from the

Ashton Village Group

Ashton Village News - Donations

We would like to thank those of you who have recently provided donations towards the production of the village newsletter. This has been much appreciated. Thank you.

Dave & Dee Farrand

Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383	Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300
Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904	Police Community Support Officer - Tara Cooksammy
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254	Direct line 01327 303228 Mobile 07919 043778
Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214	E-mail - tara.cooksammy@northants.police.uk
	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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