

Christmas is coming.....

Now the darker nights are upon us once more it is time to remind you that the criminal fraternity will be out and about. Like you, they will be "shopping early for Christmas!" It is important that you should be aware of their activities, and take special precautions to make their life difficult. A bit of attention to detail now can save a lot of upset later.



As darkness falls, a potential burglar can easily tell by walking down your street which houses are occupied by checking if the lights are on or off.

It is important to make your house look as though it is occupied, even when it is not. A timer switch connected to a table lamp or similar can create the impression that you are at home. Set it to come on at dusk - a little earlier each week.

Make sure that you do not leave a ready supply of tools for the burglar. Spades and forks in particular make handy levers for attacking doors and windows. They should be securely locked away, preferably in the garage.

- Don't leave Christmas presents where they can be easily seen through windows – it could prove too great a temptation.
- Similarly, don't leave car keys where they can be seen, particularly at night. Thieves will use a torch to find the keys and then break in to get them and steal your car.
- Finally, be aware of distraction burglars. Don't open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting.



If you pay attention to the above, you will greatly reduce the chances of being a victim this winter.

Useful Contacts

Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 300300
Police Community Support Officer - Tara Cooksammy
Direct line 01327 303228 Mobile 07919 043778
E-mail - tara.cooksammy@northants.police.uk
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

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CHRISTMAS 2005 ISSUE



Christmas Services at Ashton Parish Church

Sunday 4th December	8.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th December	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th December	10.00am	Sunday School
Sunday 18th December	10.30am	Carol Service
Sunday 1st January 2006	10.00am	Benefice Communion

Christmas Puddings & Brandy Butter

Christmas Puddings & Brandy Butter are still available.
2lb size £9,
1lb size £5
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).
Can be delivered locally



Christmas Coffee Morning

Thursday December 8th
10.00 - 11.30 am
at
The Barn, Vale Farm
Stoke Road, Ashton

The Seasonal coffee morning with all the usual cakes, bring and buy and raffle. Plus mince pies and mulled wine, all beside a lovely log fire
Why not come and join us



ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thank you

A big thank you goes out to all who helped make the Auction of Promises at the Rugby Club such a success. Over £1000 was raised for school funds to go towards updating the computer systems and providing new reading and maths books.

Thank you from ASPA

Dates for your Diary CAR BOOT SALES - 2006

We have now arranged the Dates for the Village Car Boot sales for 2006, they are:-
Saturday 3rd June - Saturday 12th August



Social Event - January 15th

The "getting to know you" party on Sunday 15th January 2006 will be held along similar lines to the Millennium celebrations held in the Church five years ago.

Everyone who is in Ashton at this time and those who are connected with the village is invited,
ALL are welcome

10.30am - All age service (everyone welcome)

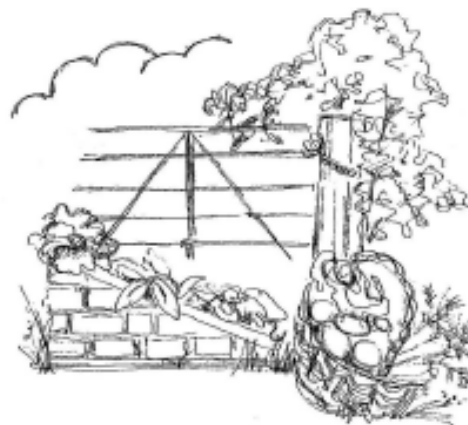
11.30am - Gathering at the Church

Drink and light refreshment will be served from 11.30am.

Please help the Homeless and Needy in Northampton

During the cold weather and leading up to Christmas there will be a collection of warm clothes for the homeless & needy people at the Soup Kitchen in Northampton.

If you have any warm clothes that are no longer needed, please contact Joyce Kingsbury on 01604 864390, who will arrange collection.



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,
Christmas Wreaths,
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*



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Stoke Road
Ashton
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