

Bangers and Mash Suppers

I will be holding Bangers and Mash Suppers on Monday 27 March, Tuesday 28 March, Monday 3 April and Tuesday 4 April **in aid of Church Funds**. Tickets will be £5 each, wine extra. Please ring me on 01604 864390 to let me know on which evening you would like to attend.

Joyce Kingsbury

Fund Raising

I would like to thank all those who supported my overnight sleep out in Northampton. This was on the 27 January and was one of the coldest nights of the year.

A big thank you to all those who sponsored me in raising £750. The money will go towards homeless people in Northampton.

Joyce Kingsbury

Unsung Heros of Ashton

Strolling through our village, I think what a pleasant place to live.

The Millennium Garden around the village sign so well cared for.
The Churchyard so beautifully kept and maintained.
The Church itself against all odds in good order.
The School Garden so attractive and neat.

All this sets me thinking. Who does these jobs, unrewarded and unrecognised? Whoever you are, well done and thank you.

Ann Lamb

Useful Contacts

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Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch - David Farrand 863225

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Sale of Summer Plants to raise School Funds

Ashton School is offering for sale a selection of summer bedding plants at competitive prices. The full list of plants available are shown on the order form with the Newsletter.

In addition to the many plants on offer, this year we are introducing the brand new unique trailing Busy Lizzie 'Spellbound' Enchanted Red. Spellbound looks spectacular in large pots and baskets, as well as window boxes, as it has trails of up to 70cm while retaining a bushy appearance and producing masses of flowers right through until the early frosts. This plant is brilliant as it is very tolerant of weather conditions, is quite low maintenance and looks amazing!!!

For colour illustrations and more information on all the plants for sale, please visit the website www.cdbell.co.uk.

If you wish to take advantage of this great offer, return your completed order forms and remittance by **Monday 27th March** - Please make cheques payable to A.S.P.A. - The date for delivery will be fixed nearer the time. Please place all orders through the school and **NOT** directly to the Nursery.

All orders will benefit Ashton School.

For more information or order forms, please contact the school or

Beryl Humphrey

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Ashton School Parents Association

Blisworth Wild Flowers

I have been growing British Wild Flowers for several years for my own personal pleasure, the results of which are amazing regarding increasing insects, butterflies and general wildlife.

I am now cultivating British Wild Flowers for general sale and have around 20 different species at present. I am hoping to increase this by another 20 species this coming spring. The plants available at the moment, all of which are perennials, are mainly high nectar and larval food plants for insects, butterflies, etc.

The plants are of excellent quality and would be ideal for a quick establishment of plants on a large or small scale wildlife development project. I hope I can be of assistance and, if so, please do not hesitate to contact me.

D F Snapes

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An Invitation

You may have heard that there are new landlords at **The Old Crown**. During the next few days all of our staff will try their best to ensure that you receive the highest standard of service as we do everything in our power to make the transition as seamless as possible.

We would like to meet all our pub users and diners and to that end we would like to **invite you to join us on the evening of Friday 24 March**.

There will be a free drink to welcome you and a free dinner buffet all evening to give a taste of the quality we aim to present.

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend. It would help us greatly to have an idea of numbers, so that we can make sure ample supplies are laid in! Please jot down your address and telephone number (and your E-mail address if you have one) plus the names of all those attending and hand it in to one of our staff. We look forward to meeting you on 24 March.

The restaurant will reopen on Saturday 25 March.

Don't forget **Mothers Day on Sunday 26 March**. We are already heavily booked so act now.

Eva and Greg Davis

Things to know about Ashton

Did you know that.....

>> The village shop and post office used to be in St Michael's Court (Tews Yard) until the late 1980s when it closed shortly after Tesco arrived at Mereway?

>> The oldest building in the village is Rectory Cottage in Hartwell Road?

>> There was a Methodist Chapel on Stoke Road, but it has now been used to extend accommodation.

>> Ashton is one of the very few villages without either a village hall or community centre?

>> Our Church dates back to Norman times and houses three important tombs? One has a wooden effigy, another has an alabaster effigy and the third has brass plates with images of a whole generation of the Mariott family.

>> There is no toilet or kitchen facility in the Church? Or that there is no water laid on?

>> Plans are afoot to improve the facilities at the Church and make it accessible to more people?

Why not come along to the AGM in the Church on Monday 10 April at 7.30pm to see what these plans are and voice your opinion about the future of your Church?

Marion Wilson



Vale Farmhouse Shop

10.30 am - 4.00 pm

**every Thursday, Friday
and Saturday**

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