

50/50 lottery winners



April 2026

1st prize - Jan Willets	£63.00
2nd prize - Marion O'Meara	£47.25
3rd prize - Clive & Lyne TP	£15.75
3rd prize - Amt Waeland	£15.75
Church Donation	£157.50
Christmas Bonus Total	£62.00

May 2026

1st prize - Marian O'Meara	£63.00
2nd prize - Carolyn Chamberlain	£47.25
3rd prize - Harry Frizzell	£15.75
3rd prize - Sue Malock	£15.75
Church Donation	£157.50
Christmas bonus Total	£77.75

June 2026

1st prize - Sue Featherston	£61.00
2nd prize - Ssue Wilson	£45.75
3rd prize - Harry & Linda Frizzell	£15.25
3rd prize - Clare Farrand	£15.25
56 Members Church donation.	£152.50
Christmas bonus total	£93.00

63 Members

It is never too late to join the 50/50 draw.

For more information, Contact
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Knight's Hall Drop-In

Looking for a friendly place to meet, chat and enjoy a cuppa? Why not join us at the Knight Hall Drop-In in St Michael's Church?
Established several years ago, the Drop-In has become a popular monthly gathering for villagers, friends and visitors. Held on the third Saturday of every month, it provides a warm and welcoming space to relax over coffee or tea, catch up with familiar faces and make new friends.

The Drop-In continues to go from strength to strength, with around 20 people attending each month from a regular group of around 35 members. We are also delighted to welcome young children and babies, who always bring extra smiles and laughter to the morning.

Our next meetings are:

Sat 15 Aug, Sat 19 Sept

We're open from 10.30am, with tea, coffee, biscuits, good conversation, and an updated selection of books to browse. Whether you're a regular or thinking of coming along for the first time, you'll receive a warm welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL

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ASHTON Village News

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CRIME PREVENTION PACK

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR BY
ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

SEE IT. REPORT IT. STOP IT.

If you see something suspicious or need help, report it.
Dial 101 in a non-emergency | In an emergency always dial 999

Crime Prevention Pack
 Rural Crime Team
 Crimestoppers
 Anti-Social Behaviour
 Home Fire Safety Advice
 Report Waste Criminals
 Home Security Check List
 Protect your Phone
 Safer Communities
 Stand up to Crime
 Door Step Crime
 Neighbourhood Watch

See also Village Internet Site - www.ashtonvillage.co.uk



Ashton Parish Council
www.ashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
clerk@ashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY
Ashton Parish Council would like to welcome our new
councilor Mark Dyson

VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT

A 3rd speed sign will be ordered and located in Little Ashton on the new lamp post.

We are working hard to get a reduced limit of 20 mph in the village. We have invested in speed signs which also record speed data.

Our new green 20 mph speed signs are now in place.
Speed signs will be reset to trigger at 20mph.

WATER COURSES IN THE VILLAGE - FLOOD PREVENTION

Winter/Spring heavy rain can affect village flooding. This has become a more frequent issue. Residents need to maintain their bank sides by clearing the watercourse banks to help alleviate this problem, as they overgrow very quickly. Owners have riparian duties for ensuring that the flow of water is not interrupted. A full explanation of requirements can be found at the environment agencies web site.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

Please contact APC if you need assistance in understanding this.

If you would like to become a flood warden please contact the Parish Chairman.

STREET LIGHTS

If any street lights fail please report to clerk@ashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk stating the lamp post number.

NOTICE BOARDS

These are updated monthly. We are going to replace the current ones as they are no longer waterproof or closing properly. **Please try to use A5 posters or email us with your notice.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & CRIME PREVENTION

APC will distribute to each house a Crime Prevention Pack - see front page.

DOG POO

Please can everyone pick up their dog mess on walks and take it home to put in your bin. We are investing in bins for the village.

Your local Community
Choir would like you
to **COME and SING** with us
It's proven to be good for
Positive Mental Health ☺
We sing on a
Wednesday

Roade
Community
Choir

TERM TIME
Check our
website for more
information

Roade Methodist Church Hall



7.30 – 9.15pm
with a break

VICAR to RETIRE

The members of St Michael's Church would like to announce that the Rev. Mark Donnelly will be retiring at the end of August. We would like to thank him for all he has done for the village; from the many services he has led, the weddings and funerals over which he has presided, the school assemblies he has delivered and the many times he has visited and supported the parishioners of the village. His caring nature and concern for others have been a real source of encouragement to so many over the past years.

Both Mark and his wife Sue, will be very much missed and our thoughts and prayers go with them as they embark on this new stage of their lives.

The Salcey Benefice are having a farewell lunch for Mark and Sue on Sunday 26th July at 12.30 in St Mary's Church hall, Roade. Ashton are providing the drinks. If you would like to come and/or you are able to donate a bottle of wine or soft drink, please message Jeremy on 07857 567944. There is also a collection being organised to buy a gift for them, so if you would like to contribute, please let Jeremy know. Many thanks, Diane Shadforth.

RETIREMENT

Dear Friends,

It is with a mixture of gratitude, reflection, and a certain sense of wonder at how quickly time has passed, that I write to share some important news with you.

After much prayer and careful consideration, I have decided that the time has come for me to retire from my role as your vicar.

For a number of reasons Sue and I have recognised that we need to step away from ministry. Notwithstanding that the last year has been an unexpected challenge for us, we feel that the work now needs to be carried on with someone who has more energy than we can offer. The pressures of ordained ministry have taken their toll; we know that we are not spring-chickens! Therefore we believe we have reached a point where it is time to hand over to someone who is able to take Salcey Benefice on to the next level.

My final Sunday with you will be 31st August 2026. Sue and I will be moving to new pastures, to the market town of Ashby De La Zouch over the next few months. During the intervening period I will be very much present though we shall be taking some much-needed holiday over the Summer. Conversations will follow this announcement of course, in order to prepare the way and allow for as smooth a transition as possible.

Serving Salcey Benefice has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Together, we have shared in so many moments—joyful celebrations, quiet acts of faith, seasons of growth, and times of challenge. I have been continually encouraged by your commitment to one another, your love for this community, and your desire to follow Christ faithfully in all that you do. It has been a privilege to witness the new birth and the growth in discipleship of so many, and we shall miss you.

While stepping back from ordained ministry brings with it a sense of sadness, it also comes with a deep sense of thankfulness for all that we have shared, and a firm confidence in God's faithfulness to his word and his people. God's work here does not rest on one person, but on all of us together as his family here, and above all on His faithful presence among us.

In the coming months, there will be opportunities to reflect, to give thanks, and to look ahead. I am committed to supporting a smooth transition and will work closely with the churchwardens and the diocese to ensure that this next chapter begins well.

Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, and your friendship over the years. It has been an honour to walk alongside you.

With every blessing, Mark and Sue

Rev'd Mark Donnelly - The Salcey Benefice **01604 378557**

Ashton Parish Council

DEFIBRILLATOR & BLEED PACK

Our village has these on the Pub Wall, by the bus stop, under cover of the porch. They are registered with the Emergency Services. Always **ring 999** to access them

GARDEN FIRES

We have had reports that people are having garden fires during the daytime. We have many residents with lung issues and people putting out washing on nice days. It was generally agreed years ago that fires would only be lit after 7pm.

Please be considerate of your neighbours.

Many thanks. Sarah McAllister – Chairman APC

COMMUNICATION – Ashton Village is on the following Social Media sites:

Ashton Village Support Group - to join we need your mobile telephone number. People offer help (post office, shop runs etc) and there is information, chat and brain-teaser quizzes on here.

Find the village on Facebook – **Ashton Village, South Northamptonshire NN7**



ASHTON CRAFTY FOLK

A little update on the Ashton Village Craft Exchange. The craft club is still going and doing well. We have gathered in this hot weather in the Roundhouse on Tuesday afternoon where we all learnt how to make fluffles for the first time. Going forward we hope to be able to use these in our Christmas items and any other items that people would like to make - see picture of attached. We have 2 meeting per month, one on the 2nd Tuesday of each month between 2-4pm and one on the 4th Tuesday of each month between 7-9pm so everybody can come to one of them or both. Please come along to learn and teach new skills.

Many Thanks Pat Myles 07503219917



A Huge Thank You from Ashton Community Sports Club

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who has joined us at the Community Club this year. We've enjoyed some fantastic events, and it has been wonderful to see so many new faces coming through the doors, getting involved, and having a great time.

We are also incredibly grateful to our amazing sponsors and dedicated volunteers, whose support and hard work make everything we do possible.

A special mention must go to **Charlie Rock**, who was nominated for and won the **RFU Volunteer of the Year Award**. Charlie's contribution to the club is truly outstanding – from maintaining the pitches and carrying out clubhouse repairs to securing sponsorship and, of course, continuing to play for Men's Own. This recognition is thoroughly deserved, and we are incredibly proud of him.

As we look ahead, we're excited for the rugby season to get underway again, along with another packed calendar of community events. Returning favourites include our **Bonfire Night celebrations on 5 November**, alongside some exciting new additions such as **Oktoberfest on 10 October** and a **Christmas Fayre on 5 December**.

Before then, we're planning to kick off the season in style with our **Start of Season party on 5 September**. There will be live music, a food van, and plenty of opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

We hope to see as many of you as possible there—let's start the new season with a bang!

If you'd like to volunteer at the club, please contact **Laura on 07852 719025**. If you're interested in training or playing, please contact **Nick on 07887 712554**.

For venue hire enquiries for parties or other events, please email info@ashtoncsc.co.uk.



History of Old Ashton : By David Farrand *Summer 2026 Issue - Ashton Water Sources*

The current hosepipe ban is to focus our minds on our sources of water for Ashton. In times past the village had to rely on local water sources within the parish boundary. The two main streams running through the village have been used from ancient times for disposing of toilet and other waste, so not suitable for drinking. In medieval times there was often fighting between Ashton people and those from Hartwell and Roade whose waste would be seen floating through the village.



Stoke Road well, in a garden next to the Old Crown, now built over

Drinking water was obtained from wells and springs both within the village and surrounding area. Over time the wells were replaced by hand pumps. When piped water was brought to the village, the hand pump / wells were capped off and water stand pipe taps were located in their place. It took many years to have water piped to each home. Other notable water sources are:

-- A fresh water spring at the small hamlet of "Bogs Island", some half a mile beyond the Rugby Club. Charles Eales (see last issue) up to the 1960s, would walk each day to fill his water bottles from the spring.
-- In the south corner of Ashton Manor moat, now empty, is an ancient, spring fed pond. This runs around the Rectory, under ground via the Kassen Garden and under the first house in Stoke Road, adjacent to the Old Crown. I remember the well that sat in the garden of the earlier farm house which was replaced in the 1970s.

-- In Little Ashton, beyond the railway, a huge earthen dam was built across the valley, now demolished. This may have been built in Saxon times. It provided water for a small Mill house located in the lane.



Little Ashton pump, shared by all the houses seen behind.



One of many stand pipes located on Crown Corner. Look just above the "TO" of ASHTON

www.ashtonvillage.co.uk is being re-purposed as a dedicated history of Ashton.
For more information on Ashton's history, email david@farrand.co.uk