



Ashton News



Diary Dates:

- **Pilates** is running again on **Tuesdays** from 10.45am until 11.45am in Ashton Village Hall (First School Hall) by kind permission of the Headmistress. Please contact **Marion Nelson 881778** for details.
- **Saturday January 26th:** **Ashton Cricket Club Birthday Bash** from 7.30pm.
- **Yoga** begins again on **Thursday 8th February** from 7.30pm until 9.00pm in Ashton Village Hall. Enrolment forms are available from **Marion Nelson 881778**
- **Ashton Luncheon Club dates:** **2nd February, 2nd March, 30th March.** All at noon in the Cricket Pavilion.
- **Monday 5th February:** The **Expert Patients Programme** starts in Evesham (See Page 2). **Tracy Pountney 01905 760049**
- **Saturday February 10th:** Ashton Cricket Club **'100 Year Quiz'** beginning at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. **David Hudson-Wood 881839**
- **Saturday March 3rd:** **St David's Celebration.** We've had Burns' Night, St George's Day and an Irish evening, now it's the turn of the Welsh! Come along and enjoy a meal of traditional Welsh dishes with entertainment afterwards. Further information soon, but please keep the date free.
- **Tuesday 13th March:** **Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm in the Green Room of Ashton Village Hall; also the **Annual Parish Meeting.** For minutes etc see: www.ashtonunderhill.org.uk

Thanks! Jeremy and Christine King would like to thank everyone who helped them raise £750 for the Air Ambulance Charity by purchasing plants and produce during the past year. Well done!



The **Ashton Luncheon Club** has completed another successful year and we are now pleased to welcome around thirty five people to each one, although on one occasion we did exceed forty!

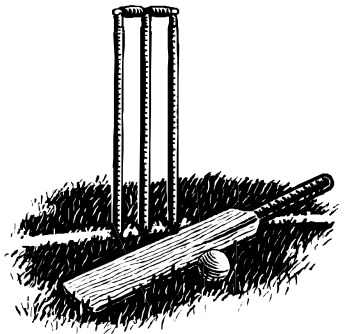
All are welcome, particularly if you are not able to get out a lot, and we are happy to provide transport to the Cricket Pavilion if needed. We meet on the first Friday of each month and serve from 12 noon to 1.00pm. If you'd like to know more, please ring **Penny 881594.**

Please note as the first Friday in April is Good Friday we have changed the April lunch to **Friday March 30th.**

Ashton-under-Hill Cricket Club

celebrates its centenary in 2007 and a whole year of special events is being planned.

A 64-page book celebrating 100 years of cricket in Ashton-under-Hill has just been published and is available from Ashton Post Office, The Star Inn or from **David Hudson-Wood 881839**, or by email from: dhw@speed-mail.co.uk. Priced £5.00, the book contains a whole array of articles about the club's history, its characters and present day activities.



As part of the centenary celebrations, a start of year **Birthday Bash** for past and present players will be held on **Friday, January 26th** from 7.30pm.

The next major event is a **100-Year Quiz** for the whole village at the Village Hall on **Saturday February 10th** at 7.30pm. Each round will cover a different decade and categories of questions include topics such as inventions, firsts, cinema, sport, music, cricket and people. Teams of four are welcome to enter (£10 a team) with prizes for the winning team and the runners-up. Register your team by calling **David Hudson-Wood 881839** or by email: dhw@speed-mail.co.uk.

New computer for Christmas? Are you wondering what to do with the old one?

IT Schools Africa (ITSA) is a Cheltenham-based charity set up in 2004 to send computers to schools in Africa. Donating computer equipment you no longer need reduces the amount of electronic waste going to landfill and any data on your old PC is wiped securely to US government standards. Please contact **ITSA** at **01242 228800** or see: www.itschoolsafrica.org



Lent Lunches in 2007: There will be six soup lunches held around Bredon Hill during Lent as usual, at 12.30 pm on **Fridays**, supporting local charities, starting with **23rd February**. Full details of venues will appear in the February issue of the Parish Magazine. The Ashton lunch will be at The Old Farmhouse, probably on **Friday 23rd March** - date and details of charity to be confirmed.

St Barbara's Church Joint Fundraising in 2006 We would like to express heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported St Barbara's Church's fundraising activities so generously in 2006, with a total for the year of over £3,100. We're delighted to announce that the *Christmas Fair* raised £1997, of which £350 went to St Richard's Hospice. This is a record for this event and we are very grateful to all those who contributed to this super result. Money raised for St Barbara's will go towards repair and redecoration of the Nave, due to be carried out in 2007.

In addition to the above, in December the Junior Church's sale of Christmas goodies which they (and their mums) had made raised £190 for the Middle School's support for the school at Uzda in Belarus. We congratulate our enterprising and caring young people for their splendid effort. The collection from the *Ashton Celebration of Christmas* raised £281.75 for the CATCH project in Mzomomhle, South Africa; the evening was enjoyed by around 130 adults and children, who joined in with gusto with the traditional carols. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Village Christmas Card Deliveries in 2007? Sarah Lane has suggested that for next Christmas, we arrange to have a central point in the village to leave Christmas post for hand delivery in Ashton only. There would be a small charge for each card, and cards can be put in separate envelopes. Post is then sorted on an agreed date and volunteers take an area/street and it is all delivered together. The sorting and delivering could turn out to be quite a fun afternoon and the money raised would go to an agreed charity. If you're interested in using such a service or in helping to sort and deliver cards, please let Sarah know now, on scalane@talk21.com or telephone **881540**.



Shindig Spring Tour 2007

Coming Soon!

Friday March 30th 6.30pm at the Village Hall: The *Lempen Puppet Theatre Company* presents *The Shapechanger* a delightful piece of children's theatre. The skill and professionalism of this company is its hallmark, never failing to delight young people and their grown up families

Saturday April 28th at 8.00pm in the Village Hall: *Opera on the Run* with *Spaghetti Opera*. Fantastic singers, tip top accompanist, hilarious libretto and fast moving performance adds up to a quite incredible night out.

Details of these events in the next newsletter but don't forget to put the dates in your diary!

On **Sunday 25th February** the **United Parish Service** will be held in Ashton, when we will be saying goodbye and thanks to **Harry Jeffery** and family who are moving to Lincolnshire. Harry is well-known for his unstinting service over many years both as Lay Reader and Parish Treasurer, and all are welcome to come and join in this farewell service, followed by lunch in Ashton Village Hall. If you'd like to contribute to a farewell gift, please contact **John Dodge 881487** or **Alastair Humphrey 881479**.

A Plea for Help from Ashton Community Centre!

Many villagers will soon be taking advantage of the Playing Fields and the children's play area. The Community Centre looks after these, on behalf of the Parish Council, and tries to keep them safe and pleasant for all. We do, however, suffer from constant petty vandalism. The cricket and tennis pavilions are particularly vulnerable to break-ins and damage. The cost of vandalism for the Cricket Club alone last year was £1500. You may have noticed the gates are now locked most of the time to keep out cars. Please help us by being observant, and by impressing on your children that it is *their* property and should be looked after.

We have volunteer helpers - who look after the play area, inspecting it and repairing minor damage - for whom we are very grateful. We would really appreciate any other offers of help to keep the Playing Fields clean and tidy. There will be a working party to pick up litter and generally tidy on **Saturday January 27th** at 10am. Please come along - or if you can't help then but could give some time in the future please ring **Penny 881594** or **Jenny 01684 773073**.

The Expert Patients Programme (EPP) is an NHS initiative to help people living with long term health conditions maintain their health and improve their quality of life. It is a programme that helps **YOU** to take control of your condition and make a difference to your life. It is designed to complement other classes which you may attend which are specific to your condition. **EPP** is for anyone having to cope with a long term health condition such as ME, MS, arthritis, asthma, heart condition or diabetes. **EPP** is a free programme (you just have to get to the venue for each session) of 6 weekly 2 ½ hour sessions, which are very varied with the usual comfort breaks. Nearby locations include Evesham, Worcester and Pershore. Want to know more? Contact the **EPP Administrator 01905 760049** or visit www.eppworcs.org.uk.

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If you'd like something
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BOSCH DISHWASHER: Fully Automatic, With instruction manual. Size 85h x 60w x 60d cm. Six years old. Cost £589 new. **£130. *** IKEA FURNITURE:** Round Kitchen Table. 90 cm diameter. + 4 matching chairs. **£40. *** PINE SHELVING UNIT:** 210h x 40d x 52w cm. **£15. *** TV CABINET:** Glass front, lockable, slightly imperfect. 95w x 74h x 63d cm **£20. *** BOY'S BIKE:** Raleigh. 14". Stabilisers, basket and bell. **£15. *** WARDROBE:** Victorian circa 1880. Gentleman's. Integral mirror and drawers. **£350 ono. *** DINING TABLE:** Ex Heal's. Solid wood top resting on metal trestles. Cost £389 new. **£150. *** LONG TERM LOAN: Upright Piano.** Borrower pays cost of transport only. **Peter Burgess 882356**