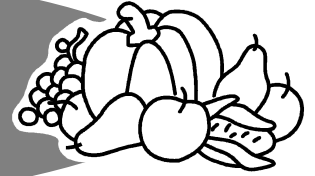




# Ashton News



## WHITE OPEN SPACES

**Saturday 29 September 2007  
8.00pm Ashton Village Hall**

The award-winning **Pentabus Theatre Company** presents an evening of seven short single person dramas, very much in the 'Alan Bennett' style. Tickets £7 available from **Penny 881594** or **Ashton Post Office**. *Contains strong language.*

If you would like to become a **Friend of Rural Touring** and not only receive advance information of future productions but also **£1.00** off each pre-booked ticket, please email your name and address to either [marion@ashtonmedia.co.uk](mailto:marion@ashtonmedia.co.uk) or [helene@billingehourcan.fsworld.co.uk](mailto:helene@billingehourcan.fsworld.co.uk) or phone **881594**.

### Christmas is coming early to Ashton!



**St Barbara's Church Christmas Fair** will be held on the afternoon of **Saturday 17 November** - the ideal opportunity to buy your Christmas gifts, decorations, cakes, plants and lots of other goodies. There will also be Christmas cards and calendars on sale for St Richard's Hospice.

Your assistance and your ideas would be greatly appreciated, so if you would like to contribute, please contact **Alex Dodge** at **The Old Farmhouse 881487**, who would be delighted to hear from you.

### Have you tried Shredderman?!

A subsidised garden waste shredding service is operated in our area by Wychavon District Council. A number of Ashton residents have used 'Shredderman' and have been very pleased with the service.

It costs just £11.75 for a one hour visit for man and machine and he gets through a lot of garden waste in this time! Of course, if you get together with a neighbour you can share the cost, making it even cheaper!

You must be home when he comes (in case of accidents) and you must leave your waste in the front garden as the machine is too big to go around the back. Shredderman leaves the chipped waste with you, in bags, ready for you to use in the garden. If you're chopping down trees and trimming shrubs in the Autumn you might need this service very soon!

**To book call: 0845 6021939**



### Thanks from St Richard's Hospice

During July, August and early September, more than £3,500 was raised for St Richard's Hospice from various activities and events in Ashton. Director of Fundraising for St Richard's, Marilyn Peachey, said: *"We would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard organising the various events and those who have attended them in order to raise this wonderful amount of money towards our work caring for patients and families living with cancer and other life-threatening illness. It makes a huge difference to have the support of such caring and kind-hearted people in the community."*

St Richard's moved into its new £5.25m hospice at Wildwood Drive, Worcester at the end of last year. This year £3.2m is needed in order to provide ongoing specialist care and support for patients and families.

**DOG FOULING:** Ashton News has been asked to point out that despite the presence of several bins for the disposal of dog waste, fouling of paths and verges in the village is still a significant problem. Remember that it is an offence not to clear up after your dog on land open to the public and you risk prosecution and a maximum fine of up to £1000.

### Bredon Hill Middle School



As you probably know the torrential rain and floods on 20 July meant that over 40 pupils were stranded at the School overnight.

The Governors would like to thank all those people in the village who helped out, supplying not just moral and physical support, but material things such as bedding and food. A special mention must also go to the staff who spent the night at school, some of whom were stranded themselves, but also others who stayed voluntarily. A sincere thank you to everyone involved.

## Parish Minibus Appeal Fund

The very successful Wine Tasting Evening on 1st September raised £800 for the Fund. About 60 people attended and several who had hoped to come but couldn't, sent donations. Our thanks to Alan and Victoria Ross for all their efforts. Further donations and event organising still needed please!

## Get Well, Feel Well, Keep Well

The next fund-raising event will be an opportunity for everyone to try taster sessions of various treatments and therapies on **Saturday 20th October** between **3pm and 7pm** in Ashton Village Hall. Tea and cakes will be available. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door, available at the Post Office, from **Phillippa Rands 881633** or Rose Stubbs.



Pilates continues every Tuesday from 1045 to 1145 in the Village Hall. Please contact **Julie Farr 710868** for more information.

## Farewell to Margie

Margie Schutte, curate at St Barbara's Church, will be leaving the village soon to take up a new appointment working in Hewell Grange Prison in Redditch.

We wish Margie every success in facing the challenges of her new role and offer our sincere and grateful thanks for all that she has done in the community of Ashton under Hill.

## Parish Music

welcomes you to our 13th season of concerts:



**Saturday 29 September**  
**Alstone Church 8pm**  
**'Duos for Three'**

Distinguished early musicians Ibi Aziz and Alison Crum, violas da gamba, and Roy Marks, theorbo and viola da gamba, will give a concert of Baroque trios, duos and solos, featuring the works of Telemann, Schenck, Forqueray, Marais and others.

Tickets £7 on the door. Students free.  
**Julian Alington 882060**

## Neighbourhood Watch



Ashton is on the edge of two Neighbourhood Watch areas, one is our local Evesham and Pershore Association; the other is the North Cotswold Association, which includes Dumbleton, Alderton and most of North Gloucestershire. Included with this newsletter are the last two circulars from these groups. They contain a lot of good general advice and useful telephone numbers.

Our village group is co-ordinated by Joe Aspey and Roger Umpelby, and they circulate information to a number of volunteers who pass relevant information on to households in the village. We receive information, normally by email, direct from the Neighbourhood Watch officers at West Mercia and Gloucestershire police. It is of course a two-way process and we do send intelligence back to the police.

We do need a few more volunteers to receive and distribute information so if you would like to help please contact **Joe 881539** or **Roger 881449**. Also if you would like to receive email alerts directly please let Roger know and he will be add you to the circulation list.

**Overhead Electricity Lines:** The unsightly nature of overhead lines in the village and the unreliability of the electricity supply were highlighted in the Ashton Village Plan. An application has been made to Central Networks with the support of the Parish Council and the Cotswold Conservation Board to have all the overhead electricity lines placed underground. All the funding would be provided by Central Networks so there would be no cost to anyone in the village.

Our application has passed the initial assessment stage and Central Networks have forwarded the scheme to the Wayleaves department, so that those whose supply can be put underground can give their consent. There has been widespread support in the village for removing the present eyesores and improving the reliability of supply, so it is hoped those affected will support the scheme. We have had no indication of the timescale for contacting people or when the actual work might be carried out.

*David Hancock*

## Jazz at The Croft—Thank You!

We booked the Perdido Street Band last July on one of the hottest days of 2006. As July 2007 approached, we squelched around the garden and wondered why it had seemed a good idea at the time!

But our luck held. Saturday 7th July proved to be the first dry evening for weeks, and we had a very successful party. We received huge support and practical help from family, friends and good neighbours and over 200 people enjoyed the music and the company and enabled us to raise £1800 for St Richard's Hospice. Our warmest thanks to all who supported us with donations, with raffle prizes and who boosted our confidence by buying tickets so readily, even as the rain lashed down. *Laurence and Yvonne Langridge.*

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If there's something you'd like  
included please let us have  
details by  
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