



Ashton News

2007 Summer Events Update

More Open Gardens!

If you missed this year's main event, there's an opportunity to catch up with a couple of the gardens which were open then; or perhaps you'd simply like to visit them again!



On **Sunday 22nd July**, gardens at The Old Granary, The Groaten and The Old Farmhouse, Elmley Road will be open to visitors from **2.00 to 5.30pm**, with teas at The Old Farmhouse, plant sales and preserves. £2.50 for adults, children free. Further details from **Alex and John Dodge 881487**. This event aims to raise funds for St Richard's Hospice in Worcester.



St. Richard's Hospice
CARING FOR LIFE

Air Crash Commemoration St Barbara's Church 29th July 9.30am

On the morning of Friday 16th July 1943, a Lockheed Hudson aircraft from RAF Defford, near Pershore, crashed in a field just north of Ashton under Hill, opposite where Bredon Hill Middle School now stands. The plane was piloted by Squadron Leader J.A.Mead DFC, RAF and Pilot Officer A.J.Slaughter, RAAF, both sadly killed in the crash.

A framed commemorative panel, remembering those airmen, will be presented for display in St Barbara's Church at Morning Service at **9.30am on Sunday 29th July**. A number of former RAF personnel will take part in the service and a particularly warm welcome is extended to anyone else who served in our Armed Forces and who would like to be there for this special occasion.



Cricket Club Social Night

Postponed because of the state of the pitch after all the dreadful weather in June, this event will now take place from **6.30pm onwards on Friday 7th September** at the Playing Fields. Ashton's very own band, the SOFAS, will perform and there will be children's races, games, a barbecue and a bar. A great evening for the whole family! Proceeds will be shared equally between the Cricket Club and St Richard's Hospice. Contact **Doreen Cope 881656** for details.

Coffee Morning in aid of St Richard's Hospice at **10.30am on Thursday 30th August**, at Stanley Farm House, home of Joan and Andy Richmond. Bring and Buy; plants and cakes. Entry £1.50 to include coffee, homemade scones and biscuits.



This year's **Ashton Open Gardens** broke previous records, as we welcomed just over 1400 visitors to the village on a beautifully sunny weekend - thankfully, that was before the June rains began in earnest! A well-deserved 'thank you' to everyone involved; including all of our garden owners, programme, plant and raffle ticket sellers, exhibition minders, tea servers, cake makers and everyone on car parking and point duty, or tidying up afterwards.

Without the efforts of well over 100 people this hugely popular event simply wouldn't be possible. We've had some very positive feedback from our visitors, who particularly appreciated the warmth of their welcome and the range of gardens on display. As a result of this year's success, Ashton Open Gardens has been able to share a surplus of £7000 equally between the Community Centre and St Barbara's Church. Some aerial pictures of the village are now available on our website at: www.ashtonopengardens.co.uk. Do you have any pictures of the event or of your garden which you'd be happy for us to use in future publicity and on the website? If so, **Malcolm Nelson 881778** or **John Dodge 881487** would be very pleased to hear from you.

Many Ashton residents provided photographs from their own family albums for the popular 'Ashton Then and Now' display, and John Dodge would be happy to hear from anyone else who has pictures to add to the Ashton archive.

Next year's Open Gardens will be on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th June 2008**. Please make a note in your diary now!

PARISH MINIBUS APPEAL



The existing minibus provides an invaluable service to all, but sadly it is getting too old and expensive to run. We would like to replace it with a newer, more efficient vehicle that better meets the needs of the parish.

We are actively seeking help with the funding for this from the likes of the Lottery Fund, but hope that the various villages in the parish will want to contribute too, by supporting a number of fund raising events.

"...a rather special Wine Tasting Evening..."



The first of these is planned for **Saturday 1st September**, at **The Old Post House**, Elmley Road, in Ashton under Hill. This will be a rather special **Wine Tasting Evening**, presented by David Morris, who runs the Champagne & Wine Cellar in Winchcombe. David has a reputation for personally sourcing many of the fine quality wines and champagnes he sells at very reasonable prices; he is also a fully qualified sommelier.



The evening promises to be an entertaining event with champagne to start, before the opportunity to sample some unusual as well as better known wine varieties, and will end with a super finger buffet. Tickets for the event are £12.50, and these can be obtained from either **Victoria and Alan Ross 882892** or from **Julian Alington 882060**. There are a limited number of places, so please book early to avoid disappointment and enjoy what promises to be a great night out!

If you have any further ideas about fund-raising or if you would like to make a donation, please contact **Julian Alington**, chairman of the Minibus Appeal Fund, or **Mike Sanger-Davies 882311**.

Ashton under Hill Parish Councillors

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Parish Council Meetings

11 September 2007
13 November 2007
8 January 2008
11 March 2008
(also the Annual Parish Meeting)
13 May 2008
(also the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

All meetings are in the Green Room and start at 7.30pm.

Minutes and agendas are available on the village website:

www.ashtonunderhill.org.uk

Shindig Autumn/Winter Programme

The **Pentabus Theatre Company** presents **White Open Spaces**, an evening of seven 'talking heads' short monologues, very much in the 'Alan Bennett' style. This award-winning company will be bringing their production to Ashton Village Hall on **Saturday 29th September 2007 at 8.00pm**. Please make a note in your diary now!



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 or helene@billingehourcan.fsworld.co.uk or telephone **Penny 881594**.

Mikron Theatre

Married to the Job

the legacy of Thomas Telford

Friday 10th August 7.30pm

In Ashton Village Hall

*Tickets £6 (£5 concessions)
from Izaak Jackson 881557*

The next regular edition of Ashton News will be published in September 2007

If there's something you'd like included please let us have details by Friday 7th September

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