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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:-

Derbyshire County Council – 0845 605 8058 (helpline)

North East Derbyshire District Council - 01246 231111

Police – NON-URGENT calls to report crime, anti-social behaviour, non-violent crime or general information: 0345 123 33 33

Please note: You **MUST** continue to use 999 where a crime is in progress, for serious crime or where violence is being used.

Consumer Direct – Providing consumer advice, free of charge, on a range of issues or complaints. 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturday on 08454 04 05 06 or visit the website www.consumerdirect.gov.uk or textphone 0845 128 1384.

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Website: www.ashover-pc.gov.uk

WINTER MAINTENANCE

REPORT EMPTY GRIT BINS AND HIGHWAY PROBLEMS - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow

- Report empty grit bins to ‘Call Derbyshire’ or online report form or by text to 86555 quoting the grit bin number.
- Request road gritting online
- Your parish council owns 25 grit bins sited around the parish, and these are identified as belonging to Ashover Parish Council, these bins may be reported to DCC or directly to the Parish Clerk on (01246) 863018 or e-mail parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk .

Please remember that all grit supplied by your Parish Council is for use on public roads and footways.

Check on your neighbours

- If you are concerned about an old or vulnerable person
Call Derbyshire 08456 058058 or 01629 533190

For more information and advice log on to:-

www.ashover-pc.gov.uk and click on ‘Winter Maintenance’ under ‘Latest’.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS ASHOVER 2012

The parish consultation evening held in the Parish Hall on 24 November 2011, provided a good insight into the way in which parishioners wished to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Below is a draft programme of proposed events, and your help and support in making these events a success would be welcomed.

SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2012

Outdoor service of thanksgiving and celebration for our queen on the playing fields at 5pm with Ashover Brass Band.

MONDAY 4 JUNE 2012

PARADE: A walking parade led by Ashover Brass Band, possibly including carrying of the Millenium Banner; leaving Village Hall Car Park at 2pm.

THEME: 50's - part of which will be Ashover W I representing the countries of the commonwealth in fancy dress and possibly George & the Dragon.

ROUTE: Milken Lane, Moor Road, Narrowleys Lane, Butts Road, Church Street and back to the Milken Lane car park for the OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE AFTERNOON:

- Photographs of the 50's with other memorabilia (Fabric Room)
- "It's a Knockout" tournament, i.e. Football and Kwik Cricket linked up with Stonedged Golf Club running a "hole in one"
- Possibly Classic Cars on display
- Family Treasure Hunt and Scarecrow Trail
- 50's Tea Dance (in Parish Hall)
- Mad "CROWN" Street Party for EVERYONE - Please bring a plate of food, several stations for making & decorating your own crown to wear, badges for children to do their own decoration.
- Prizes
- Grove House hosting tea & scones from 2pm.
- Ice Cream, Fish & Chips available

ACTIVITIES DURING THE EVENING:

- Hog Roast/Barbeque
- Bands for dancing (in Parish Hall)
- Bar

FINALE: Lighting of a BEACON with FIREWORK display.

TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2012

PARTY (PICNIC) in the CHURCH

- Large screen to watch ceremonial Parade of Coaches
- Bring your own bubbly & picnic.

There will be a link up with all the hamlets, which may be by means of a walk or walks, calling at all, inviting someone from every hamlet to be part of lighting the beacon in Ashover.

CHRISTMAS EVENT 2011

After a day of pouring rain and cold wind, at 5pm on the dot the rain stopped the wind stilled and the 2011 ceremony of the Christmas lights switch-on began. It started with school children from Ashover primary school singing three Christmas songs led by Sophie Preston, one of their teachers, in front of the Bassett Rooms, a warm haven for participants and kindly donated by the Church and manned by Sylvia Dyson. Their bell-like tones delighted the crowd now gathered, and set the scene for the rest of the event. After the school choir everyone joined the Ashover Brass Band conducted by Trevor Durham to sing a carol, followed by a rendition by the Church choir, led by Ruth Russell, of 'While Shepherds Watched', 'Sing all the Earth', and 'Shine Allelulia', all enthusiastically received by the audience. Rector Ralph Lawrence, then switched on the lights, ably assisted by a number of the children. The tree is certainly the tallest we have ever had, and it looked magnificent cloaked in its new set of lights. Both the tree and the lights were kindly funded by the trustees of the Ashover Medical Centre.

The highlight of the evening for the children was the arrival of Father Christmas, resplendent in his red outfit and magnificent beard, and he had help from Maud the donkey to carry all the chocolate coins he had brought as gifts for the children. Maud was accompanied by Penny Marsden, her owner, assisted by Elspeth Cunningham and Helen Faraday. Whilst the children waited to see Father Christmas, the rest of the crowd enjoyed mince pies provided by Anna Unwin from the 'Tuck Shop' and mulled wine supplied by the 'Crispin Inn'. The ceremony was ably directed by our own Town Crier, Merrick Bull, and signalled the start of Christmas. We hope you all enjoyed it; any comments and suggestions for next year will be gladly taken on board.