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NEWSLETTER
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Parish Christmas Tree



Ashover Parish Council
invites you and
your family to attend the
‘Christmas Lights Switch-On’
On Church Street, Ashover
Between
5pm and 7pm on Sunday
9th December 2007

Ashover Brass band will play and the Church
Choir will lead the carol singing. Mince pies,
mulled wine and soft drinks will be served.

Please come along and bring the children

Multi-Use Courts' Fencing: The need for new perimeter fencing to the multi-use courts became a priority following concern expressed over the condition of the old fencing. The new fencing has now been installed by Pugh Lewis Ltd.

Royal Souvenir Brochure: Entitled "HRH The Prince of Wales Meets the People of Ashover", the Souvenir Booklet contains 24 pages of colour photographs depicting the events of the day -including photos of the schoolchildren. The brochure is £4.50 and may be obtained from Christine Brocksopp (tel. 01246 590358).

New Garden of Rest: Following on from the decision to close the existing Garden of Rest from 28th February 2007, a new area immediately below the existing garden has been allocated. This area has been laid out with clearly defined paths between plot rows to ensure ease of access and is now available for use.

Ashover Social Car scheme: The scheme which emanated from the Parish Plan and is being sponsored by Ashover Parish Council continues into its second year and for many without the use of a car or currently unable to drive for various reasons, it has proved to be a success. The scheme could also use a few extra drivers especially for the occasional weekend trip; if you are interested please speak to Wendy Taylor at the Parish Hall phone 590005. If you have any questions about the scheme contact Cllr John Wardle.

Ashover Shopper Bus NEEDS YOU! : The Ashover Shopper Bus has unfortunately had to cancel its last two trips to Bakewell due to conflicts with local events affecting regular travellers. The coach will continue its monthly visits, the next on December 10th, but to make it truly viable it needs a few extra passengers. The Shopper Bus is popular with regular users who enjoy the variety of Bakewell Market and some have staked out regular eating houses for lunch. As well as a shopping trip, we try and fit in a visit to Chatsworth Farm Shop and a scenic ride back through the Chatsworth Estate. We leave Littlemoor via Milltown, Ashover and Kelstedge at 10.10 am returning for 3pm, the cost is £3.50 (about the cost of the car park in Bakewell). So why not leave the car at home and come out for the day...I am sure you will enjoy the trip! We can accommodate escorted wheelchairs too. Phone Cllr John Wardle 01246 590573 to book (giving as much notice as possible).

Ashover Parish Countryside Protection Organisation: Following the public meeting in August, a committee has taken on the

challenge of overturning the decision to make Marsh Green a byway open to all traffic (BOAT) and to monitor and act on the other threatened routes in the Parish. A public Inquiry will be held on the Marsh Green decision sometime in early 2008. The group has made a good start with the gathering of evidence and raising funds to appoint experts to help fight the case. A garden open day was held to raise funds and other events are being planned. The group is still a little short of its target and needs to raise a few thousand pounds more.

A petition signed by some 650 people has also been submitted to show the strength of public feeling in objecting to the decision. The group would like to thank all those who are helping to support the objection both morally and financially and welcome offers of help. The group can be contacted on 01246 590573.

Ashover Indoor Bowls Club: This friendly club, which plays social indoor bowls throughout the year, is looking for a few more local members. The Club has good equipment and meets in The Parish Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday each week between 2pm and 4.30pm. Cost is £5 per annum membership and £1 green fee each week. The club offers tuition and provides all equipment and a good cup of tea. If you would like to have a go you can have a free trial session, just turn up! Several people have expressed interest in an evening session each week; if you feel that this may be better for you and we get enough members to make it viable, we can make the equipment available. Please let Club Chairman John Wardle know on 01246 590573.

Derbyshire Directory: A free opportunity to publicise your organisation. An online directory of voluntary, community and not for profit care organisations in and around Derbyshire, with over 2500 entries. If you would like to register your club or group, call 08456 058 058 for a registration form or log onto www.derbyshire.gov.uk/directory to register online.

Communications: If you wish to promote your club, organisation or business or to advertise a forthcoming event on the Community Website, at www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/ashover please contact Mr John Bown on Tel/Fax (01246) 591653 or E-mail: thelocalchannel@jrbown.f9.co.uk. Items of interest in the parish may be submitted to the 'Grassroots' section of 'The Derbyshire Times'. Articles may be e-mailed to grassroots@derbyshiretimes.co.uk or by phoning (01246) 504525.

Ashover Parish Hall, Milken Lane: For details of Chesterfield College Community courses and regular weekly meetings of local clubs and groups etc, held at the Hall or to hire a room - phone the Manager on 01246 590005.

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:-

Derbyshire County Council – 0845 605 8058 (helpline)

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Police – **NON-URGENT** calls to report crime, anti-social behaviour, non-violent crime or general information: 0845 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.