

Ashby Town Council News

Ashby's Coronation Party!

The sun came out for celebrations taking place up and down the country in recognition of King Charles III Coronation on Sunday 7th May. Ashby's own coronation party on the Bath Grounds was a huge success with an amazing turnout. Thank you to everyone who came along on the day and enjoyed the fabulous entertainment – it was great to see so many people having fun for this historic occasion.



through Ashby. Other plaques are already in place on The Queens Head on Market Street, The Monkey Tree on Mill Lane Mews, the Town Hall and many more – have you spotted them yet?

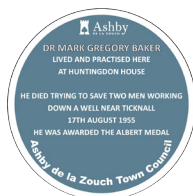
The Courts of Ashby

We have been collaborating with Ashby Museum on a project to recognise the 'Courts of Ashby'. In the early 1800's the population of Ashby began to expand quickly with hundreds of people moving into courts and yards built behind the buildings on Market Street, Kilwardby Street, Wood Street, The Green and The Callis. Today we know these areas simply as the small passages we pass by daily or maybe use as a shortcut.



In the 19th century there were in fact 39 courts in total within Ashby. Court signs are now being put up to recognise them and a full list of all 39 plus further details of their role in the history of Ashby can be found in a new book called 'The Courts of Ashby de la Zouch (Places to hide the Poor)' written by Joshua Bancroft, an ex- Ashby School student. It's available to purchase at Ashby Museum or online at <https://ashbymuseum.org.uk/museum-shop/> for £8.

On a similar note, a new blue plaque will be added to the front to Huntingdon House in recognition of Dr Baker, a local hero who saved two men from drowning in a well in Ticknall. The blue plaques scheme celebrates the heritage of buildings



Blue plaque mock-up



Summer Events

The summer calendar is packed with lots of big events taking place in Ashby. These include:

- **Saturday 10th June** - Ashby Fake Festival
- **Sunday 25th June** - Ashby Sport Fun Day
- **Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July** - NEW Dine & Devour Food Festival
- **Sunday 30th July** - Jim's Tractor Run & Family Fun Day
- **Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August** - Ashby Big Weekend

We'd love to see you all enjoying these events. As always more details of each event can be found here in Ashby Life and on our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/Ashbytowncouncil

