



ASHTON

Village News



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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

A Christmas Day Communion Service at Ashton Church will be held at 9 am - a little later than the normal Sunday service but we hope it will suit people from our other churches in the benefice as well.

CANON C.H. Davidson

ASHTON VILLAGE WATCH

The Ashton Village Watch now has a new Village Coordinator. Leslie Godfrey has taken over the position and may be contacted on 862027. As before, if there are problems you must contact the Police first, then inform Leslie Godfrey.

P.C.Malkin informs us that the number of incidents in the Ashton Parish is down by 19% this year and it seems there is much more communication between the Police and village residents.

Incidents in both Roade and Hartwell have increased over the same period.

ASHTON YOUTH CLUB - HELP NEEDED

Following many recent requests from village members regarding the setting up and running of a village Youth Club, we are again asking anyone who would be willing to provide help or support to contact David Farrand.

P.T.A. FUND

The November Fireworks night in the Playing Field raised over £300 towards the Parent Teachers Association Fund.

VALE FARM LAND SALE

The recent sale of Vale Farm land went in two main lots; the land to the east of the railway to Bill Needham of Emberton and the land to the west of the railway to James Arrowsmith of Little Houghton.

Sponsored by Ashton Parochial Church Council

ASHTON PLAYGROUND

Following the letter to Ashton Village News from some of the younger children in the village requesting Playground equipment, Tim Davis (Ashton Parish Council Chairman) has been investigating the purchase of suitable equipment.

Tim has recently talked with the school children to find out what sort of Playground Equipment they would like. The total cost of the purchases would be in the order of £4000. The Children of Ashton (and their Parents??) have been asked to provide their support of this project by raising £1000 towards the costs.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Recent Parish Council Meetings have covered the following points:

- ◆ A new street light is to be erected in Bozenham Mill lane following requests from some of the residents.
- ◆ Litter bins are now in place on Stoke Road Green , by the Telephone box and a third is to be placed by the entrance to the Playing Field.
- ◆ The Collapsed Church wall is now in the hands of the Church Insurance company.
- ◆ The Ashton Parish boundary adjustments are to be formally accepted on 1/4/94. These adjustments will mean that the houses in the centre of Hartwell village (Now in the Ashton Parish) will be taken into the Hartwell Parish. To compensate for this, Ashton is to be given an equivalent area of land to the south of the village.
- ◆ Northants County Council have produced a comprehensive Directory for **SPORT AND RECREATION** in the county. Anyone who would like to see a copy, contact Tim Davis.
- ◆ Tim Davis has a copy of the latest version of the SNDC County Structure Plan which can be examined by residents.

ASHTON FOOTPATHS

The County Rights Of Way Officer has informed us that he is aware of the missing footpath signposts around the village and will be erecting them as budget allows.

The Ashton Parish Footpath Wardens have recently attended a training course which allows members of the village to undertake footpath clearing, maintenance, waymarking and stile erection under the supervision of a warden. A warden is required to be present when work is carried out so that insurance cover is provided.

ASHTON DEVELOPMENT

There has been much confusion with regard to letters sent by South Northants District Council (SNDC) to Village residents.

1. SNDC COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN PROPOSAL:

SUMMER 1992 - SNDC put together a proposal for the overall policy regarding South Northants. For Ashton they suggested that it should retain LIMITED INFILL status allowing only small developments of a few houses on existing road frontage.

AUTUMN 1992 - SNDC requested all interested parties to send in their views. Most of the village sent in letters expressing their wish that Ashton remain a small Village.

WINTER 1993 - Letters have been received from SNDC by those residents who wrote in autumn 1992 inviting confirmation of the view that the SNDC proposal remains and should become legally binding.

2. SUNLEY LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT IDEA:

AUTUMN 1992 - Sunley put forward proposals for a large scale development (estimated at over 100 houses and almost doubling the size of the village). They presented their ideas to residents at the Rugby Club. There was much concern regarding this proposal as it would change the LIMITED INFILL status of Ashton. Most of the village and SNDC were opposed to it.

WINTER 1992 - A meeting by SNDC overwhelmingly voted that the Village should retain LIMITED INFILL status. However the SNDC document was only a proposal and needed to be agreed by many other parties before it could be legally binding.

3. SUNLEY ESTATE PLANNING APPLICATION:

AUTUMN 1993 - Sunley sold Vale Farm land but retained the farm buildings and surrounding fields. Sunley applied for planning permission to develop the farm buildings area into a 19 house estate.

A letter was circulated around the village informing residents about the planning application. It was generally felt that the development would lead to a change in the LIMITED INFILL status and was seen as the tip of the iceberg, allowing the larger development to become possible in stages. Villages were encouraged to write again to SNDC confirming their views. The response to this was overwhelming with over 50 letters received by SNDC supporting the decision made the previous year.

WINTER 1993 - We were informed on 16 December that Sunley has revised its planning application from 19 houses to 9 houses, with no detail of the size and location of the houses.

The date for the planning application meeting is expected on January 20 and residents are asked to write to SNDC and members of the Planning Committee.

ASHTON TREE SURVEY - HELP NEEDED

A tree Survey of Ashton Parish is now long overdue. To help identify those trees that will be protected for future generations in Ashton we urgently need to carry out a detailed survey of the whole parish. Anyone who can spare a few hours each month please contact Dave Farrand.

SLICK 50 ROAD SALOON CHAMPIONSHIP

Readers of AVN may remember in the last issue news of Brian Sale's efforts in the above competition. Unfortunately he only came third in the Donnington Race and therefore lost the overall Championship by just one point. Like Nigel Mansell at the same meeting, Brian was involved in a crash. He is hoping to repair his car for next season in order to race in the Toyo Tyres Super Road Saloon Championship.

THE OLD CROWN INN

RAPSCALLION

Thursday 30th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

Open Lunch time

ASHTON POST OFFICE

at The Old Crown

MONDAY 0900 - 1200

THURSDAY 0900 - 1200

CONTACTS in ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL :

CHAIRMAN	Tim Davis	862904
SECRETARY	Venita Webb	862313
MEMBER	Derek Hay	862374
MEMBER	Maurice Foster	
MEMBER	Bernard Day	862383
MEMBER	Anne Beasley	863324

SCHOOL :

PARENTS ASN	Jane Sheahan	864879
GOVERNORS		

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH :

CO-ORDINATOR	Leslie Godfrey	862027
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WARDENS :

FOOTPATH	Delia Farrand	863225
TREE	David Farrand	863225
ASSISTANT	Kevin Palmer	
ASSISTANT	Ken Ansdell	863426

CHURCH :

CANON	C.H. Davidson	862284
WARDEN	Brian Nevison	862716

COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

PC MALKIN		700700
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CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER :

PC WATTS		703850
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