

# **ASHTON**

## *Village News*

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### **VANDALISM IN ASHTON**

The village notice boards have been vandalised on 3 occasions and street lights have been damaged on 4 separate occasions.

The total cost of repair will mean an increase of over 10% (£2.00 plus per household) on the Council Tax.

### **WINE AND CHEESE PARTY**

**Mrs and Mrs Learoyd**

**will be holding their annual**

**Wine-and-Cheese party**

**in aid of the Parish Church**

**on Thursday 28 April**

**from 7.30 pm onwards**

**at the Old Rectory.**

**Tickets are available from**

**members of the Church Council.**

### **RUBBISH SKIPS**

Rubbish skips will be placed at Roade Hill and the entrance to Vale Farm for the May Bank Holiday weekend.

### **DAMAGED VERGES**

The Parish Council were asked why there are no curb stones inside the village to prevent the verges being damaged by lorries.

It was reported that an appraisal of the roads will be carried out when the work on gas, electricity and water services has been completed.

# **ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **LIBRARY IN ROADE**

A number of people offered transportation to and from Roade but no-one expressed any need for assistance.

## **POST OFFICE**

This is operating successfully on Mondays and Thursdays.

## **RECYCLING BINS**

The bins are being used extensively.

## **RUBBISH SKIPS**

These should not be used for garden waste.

## **MANOR FARM BUILDINGS**

The dangerous state of the buildings has been reported. Site meetings have been held and a decision on what action is to be taken will be made soon.

## **VILLAGE WATCH**

The scheme is running well. Crime in Ashton is down whereas crime in both Hartwell and Roade is up.

Village Watch Co-ordinator is Mrs Lesley Godfrey.

The Treasurer is Mr Peter Durnford.

## **CHURCH WALL**

The damage to the church wall has been assessed by the insurance company and found to be frost damage. The insurance company will not therefore pay out and £1000 must be raised to fund the repairs.

## **LIGHTING**

A new lamp has been installed near to the houses in Bozenham Mill Lane. Trees which obstruct village lights will be cut back when the leaves have unfurled.

Flood lighting at Men's Own Rugby Club and Roade School has been the subject of complaints. The lighting is considered a danger to motorists and cyclists and is to be modified.

## **BUSES**

Tokens are now available. The matter of Bus Signs is still being pursued. Bus Shelters have been requested by villagers but are costly to erect and provide a place where vandals may collect.