

# ASHTON

## *Village News*

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COME AND HAVE  
A FUN DAY OUT



SATURDAY 2 JULY

# ASHTON CHURCH FETE

at

VALE FARM YARD

2 pm - 4 pm



**ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE**

**SPINNING JENNY, CAKES, TEAS, RAFFLES,  
TOMBOLA, PLANTS, BOOKS**

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# **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Ashton Parish Council Meeting of 15 June 1994

## **Playing Field**

The Council expressed their gratitude to Mr & Mrs Knuff for the loan of their tractor which has enabled us to get the Playing Field into it's proper condition this year.

## **Skips**

There will be two skips in Ashton over the Summer Bank Holiday weekend, August 27th to 29th.

One will be by the beginning of Bozenham Mill Lane and the other on the Green on Stoke Road.

## **Playing Field Play Equipment**

We are now only £1,500 short of the required £4,000.

Northamptonshire Countil Council have donated £1,000 toward the project as well as donating £500 toward the cost of repairing the Church Wall.

## **The Church Wall**

This is being rebuilt by Derek Hay. A number of villagers who are in the Building trade have very generously offered to repoint the entire wall in their spare time.

## **Railway Bridge between Ashton and Roade**

The increasing subsidence at either end of this bridge has been reported both to Highways and to British Rail.

## **Mower Storage**

The Parish has a gang mower but does not have anywhere to store it. If any one has room to store the mower, would they please contact Tim Davis on 862904.

Tim Davis

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***1st Roade Scout Group  
JUMBLE SALE  
Saturday 2nd July 2 pm - 4 pm  
at Roade Community Centre***

# **VALE FARM PLANNING APPLICATION PUBLIC INQUIRY**

The Public Inquiry was held at the Council Offices at Springfield, Towcester on Wednesday 29 June 94.

Mr Holland was the appointed Inspector. Those representing Sunley Holdings were Mr Burton (Barrister), Mr Waine from Shoosmith and Harrison and Mr Richard Tice. The SNDC was represented by Ms Thomas (Barrister) and Mr Bolton from the SNDC.

There were 10 Ashton residents at the meeting and Tim Davis, David Chard and Dr Clements requested permission to make statements.

Mr Holland stated that 54 letters had been received regarding the appeal and all views in the letters would be taken into account.

Mr Burton and Mr Waine made their presentation for the Development, suggesting that, now the farm buildings were redundant, a housing development should be approved on the site. Ms Thomas cross-examined Mr Waine.

Ms Thomas and Mr Bolton presented the SNDC case suggesting that the farm buildings were not redundant and could be used for other purposes or still be retained for farm use. Mr Burton cross-examined Mr Bolton.

David Chard made a statement suggesting that the farm buildings had been deliberately made redundant to allow for development.

Tim Davis made a statement outlining some of the Shankland Cox presentation. He also reminded those present that due to Ashton Parish Boundary changes, the census figures of 1991 were misleading. The new development would add approximately 11% to the population of the village.

Ms Thomas summarised the SNDC case. Among other points, she said "Ashton is a grown-up village that does not want to grow anymore".

Mr Burton summarised the case for the developer, saying that the development should be considered as an opportunity not a threat.

The Inquiry lasted five and a half hours during which time Mr Holland asked both sides a number of questions to clarify points.

A decision on the case will take between 4 to 6 weeks. If anyone wishes to receive a written copy of the decision they will need to write to the Inspectorate at Bristol.

The Planning Inspectorate  
Room 12/15  
Tollgate House  
Houlton Street  
Bristol BS2 9DJ  
quoting Ref No APP/Z2830/A/94/235193

David Farrand

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<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am till late</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00 am till</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>

**ASK YOUR PHARMACIST  
YOU'LL BE TAKING GOOD ADVICE**

## CONTACTS in ASHTON

### PARISH COUNCIL

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

### SCHOOL

PARENTS ASN	Jane Sheahan	864879
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GOVERNORS

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CO-ORDINATOR	Lesley Godfrey	862027
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### WARDENS

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

### CHURCH

RECTOR	Canon CH Davidson	862284
CHURCHWARDENS	B Nevison, B Skinner	

### COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

PC MALKIN		700700
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### CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

PC WATTS		703850
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