



ASHTON

Village News



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VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Accompanying this newsletter is a pamphlet called Parish 2000 Village Appraisals. A Village Appraisal can identify village needs and could lead to an improvement in village amenities. The project will require help and input from sincere members of the village of all age groups.

It is hoped to organise a visit from an Officer from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) to advise on running an Appraisal in Ashton. There will be more information on the project early in the New Year.



ASHTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school would like to have a closer involvement with the Senior Citizens of Ashton throughout the year and propose to invite the Senior Citizens to the school on the following alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm

11 January	8 February	22 March	10 May	7 June	5 July
25 January	8 March	5 April	24 May	21 June	19 July

Possibilities for an afternoon programme could include playing card or board games, talking with the pupils, using some of the school's resources, e.g. computers, or maybe just chatting with friends. Refreshments will be served.

We hope as many as possible will be able to join us. The first session which took place on 14 December was voted a huge success by all participants.

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FAST CARS IN MILL LANE

My wife and I are the youngsters of this village, we have now been here very nearly two years and have grown to love it very much.

We have a small dog which I walk every day down MILL LANE. I like that lane and I'm sure you good people of this village also like to walk there.

But how many of you won't walk to Bozenham Mill because of the way people drive their cars up and down this lane. Now I am very good on my feet, but how many people are not as nimble as they use to be? Or perhaps people walking with a pram or children find it difficult with cars travelling too fast on this lane.

I don't ask that they be stopped, but that they should be curbed so that we can all have a chance to walk safely. Perhaps the Parish Council or the Police are waiting for somebody to get killed before they do something about it.

So good people of Ashton how do you feel?

D.Morris Hearth



POOR'S LAND AND SIX POLES CHARITY

The above charity is still seeking a volunteer to join the Trustees. Charity business takes up only about an hour on one weekday afternoon each year. The income from the fields is distributed to Ashton pensioners to help towards winter fuel bills.

If you can help, please contact the Chairman, George Bailey on 864516, or the Secretary, Delia Farrand on 863225.

CHURCH NEWS

As most of you are now aware, the Rector has retired and we are now "on our own." It is likely that we will be without a Rector for some time - a year or more. At present we are fortunate to have services conducted by a local retired Rector.

A while back somebody made a comment that the church of Ashton is run by six families, five of whom are retired! If that is so, it will not be too long before it will be necessary to consider the possibility of closing the church through lack of support, apart from Hatches - Matches - and Dispatches.

So what is wanted?

- 1) More attendances at the services.
- 2) Volunteers to help clean the church.
- 3) Volunteers to keep the churchyard tidy.
- 4) Financial support to help pay the bills and maintain the fabric of the church. For tax payers, a Covenant payment annually for four years is a good idea.

The Christmas Day Service will be Holy Communion at 9.00 A.M.

The pattern for 1995 will be :-

1st Sunday in the month

Evensong and Holy Communion 6.00 P.M.

3rd Sunday in the month

Holy Communion 8.15 A.M.

The Church Council are, as you read this, sat by their phones awaiting the Good News.

Bryan T. Skinner.

Ashton Church Warden



St Michael's and All Angels are very much in need of more volunteers to help with the cleaning of the church - many hands make light work!
Please contact Mrs Pat Nevison on 862716 if you can help

ROOM TO LET

A room is available to let in Ashton. If you wish to find out more details, please write to Box No 1, 20 Hartwell Road, Ashton NN7 2JR

YOUNG'S NURSERIES



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(to name but a few)**



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SCHOOL

CHAIRMAN PTA	Ann Begbie	863011
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CO-ORDINATOR	Lesley Godfrey	862027
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WARDENS

FOOTPATH	D & D Farrand	863225
TREE	Vacancy	

CHURCH

RECTOR		
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COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

PC Malkin		700700
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