



# ASHTON

## *Village News*

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### EDITORIAL

We wish to make it clear that Ashton Village News is produced and printed independently by Delia and myself and is not organised by the Parish Council. We started the newsletter in order to provide useful information and a central point for the exchange of local news and views.

We are happy to print details of Parish Council business as well as information and comments from other sources especially village residents

We wish to thank the people who have contacted us with message of support and encouragement. Thanks also to the generous people who have sent in donations towards production costs.

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### FREE TREES - TREE PLANTING SCHEME

The Northamptonshire Tree Planting Scheme will provide broadleaf trees with stakes and rabbit guards free of charge.

#### Conditions of Tree Planting Scheme

1. Trees are planted in locations within the parish and are visible from public footpaths or roads.
2. Trees may be planted on public or private land. In both instances the Parish Council or owner must accept responsibility to plant and maintain the trees.

#### Application for Trees/Shrubs

There are over thirty types of trees and shrubs; 26 are available for open countryside and hedgerow planting and 13 are available for planting in the village.

If you wish to take advantage of the Scheme, get in touch with David Farrand (Tel 863225) before August 15.

The trees will be available for planting in the Autumn.

**This issue kindly sponsored by MARGERY FISHER**

## NEW LANDLORD AT THE OLD CROWN ASHTON

Robin and Eileen Legg are moving to the Old Crown on 10 August as the new tenants of our local pub.

They are looking forward to meeting everyone in Ashton and would like to establish the pub as the heart of village life.

They have told us that they will be serving the very best Charles Wells beers and are also hoping to have a variety of Guest beers. Their meals will be second to none for quality and value.

Robin and Eileen hope to support and encourage pub teams such as darts, cricket, quizzes, etc. All are welcome.

They have been in the pub trade for ten years and have spent the last eight and a half years at the Prince Albert at Bradwell village. Nine years ago they unsuccessfully tried to purchase the tenancy of the Old Crown at Ashton and are now pleased to have achieved it.

The Prince Albert has been in the CAMRA Real Ale Guide since they arrived there and has played host to meetings of the local CAMRA group. Robin will continue his commitment to Real Ale at the Old Crown.

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## YOUTH CLUB FOR ASHTON?

Although we do not encourage anonymous letters, we are printing the following as it expresses an interesting opinion. In future we will only publish material from identified sources. However, if you would prefer that your name is not published, we will respect your wishes.

*Hello Mr Farrand*

*I have recently read issue one of Ashton news I found it interesting. I am writing to ask if you could mention about having a small youth club situated at the Mens Own Rugby club. A couple of years ago a mobile youth club came to the village called "Pegasus" which quite a lot of people attended.*

*The reason I am writing about a youth club is because at nights it is boring and there is nothing to do. The only place that sells drinks and sweets is the Pub and they are highly priced A youth club could provide entertainment and drinks + sweets.*

*I am 14 years old and my friends in the village are 12-15 and they also think a youth club would be a good idea. The pub has recently put a sign up saying that children are not allowed in the pub garden unless accompanied by an Adult! We can not go in there after school like we used to. Please mention the idea of a youth club to the Parish Council.*

*Yours .....*

*P.S. I have enclosed a donation to the publishing of the next issue.*

We will be contacting Mens Own Rugby Club in the near future. In the meantime the following questions need to be answered. A Youth Club in the village would be useful. Are there enough young people to justify it? The Youth Club would need adult volunteers to run it. Are there any locals who wish to take this on?

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NEWS FROM ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

The Parish Council received a letter from Mr Westgate, Assistant District Secretary, South Northamptonshire District Council, concerning Electoral Registration. Below is the text that he asked to be placed in the Newsletter.

*In order to vote, your name must be on the current Register of Electors. Each Autumn you are sent a form, which you should complete and return to the Council Offices at Towcester. It is pre-paid, so it won't cost you anything - only a minute or two of your time. Indeed, if you don't send it back you could be fined.*

*If you have any query on the form or are uncertain whether you are eligible to register, please telephone the Electoral Registration Officer on Towcester (0327) 50211 and ask for Elaine Cowles on extension 239.*

*Remember, if you are not registered you will not be able to vote. Waiting until an election is called before bothering to register is a sure way of missing out. Over 50,000 people re-register each autumn, so don't be one of the handful that lose their vote.*

Mrs V Webb Secretary

POSSIBLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

I am sure that you are all aware that the need for a new site for our Village School is now critical. On this front I will point out that Mrs Tice, of Sunley Estates, has told the Chairman of the Board of School Governors that a site for a new School will be made available and that the donation of that site is not dependent on the housing development going ahead.

We understand that the idea for this development, as presented to a number of Parish Councillors and School Governors, has now been submitted to South Northants Council for their consideration within the new County Structure Plan.

The developers have agreed to make a full presentation of their ideas to the villagers of Ashton. We think the meeting should be held as soon as possible, at the end of August or in early September. We will inform you of the date and time as soon as they are agreed.

We will then take a poll of the views of each household in Ashton. The result of the Poll will then be sent to the Council.

Tim Davis Chairman

DIEBACK THREATENS ASH TREES

According to a report in the Daily Telegraph recently the lack of rain over the last few years has resulted in many mature trees suffering from a stress condition called dieback.

Dieback is not a disease and trees can make a partial recovery. Twigs and branches dieback until there is little foliage left. In the final stages the trees succumb to insect attack and fungi. Few incidents of dieback were reported before 1987, the start of the present drought.

Northamptonshire reports dieback at a severe level among Ash trees, which accounts for sixty per cent of the counties trees. Eight per cent of its oak trees, its second most common tree, are affected.

The Forestry experts, quoted in the newspaper, appeal to people not to cut down trees suffering from this condition but to leave them at least until next summer as the trees could recover if rainfall increases.

**FOOTPATHS**

Improvements have recently been made to several of Ashton's footpaths by the local farmers. Stiles have been built, waymark signs have been put up and paths have been cut through some crops. However there is still much to be done.

There are very few Footpath Signposts in the Parish. We hope to persuade the County Council to put this right in the near future.

Once we are sure that most of the footpaths are in reasonable condition, we intend to publish a guide to the local footpath system.

Although we regularly walk the Ashton footpaths ourselves, we are keen to hear the views of other Ashton footpath walkers.

**CONTACTS in ASHTON**

Listed below are some of possible contact points that may be useful ....

**PARISH COUNCIL :**

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

**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

**SCHOOL :**

PARENTS ASN	Sandra Notley	863172
GOVERNORS	Alan Sharp	862360

**S.N.C. ASHTON REPRESENTATIVE**

-Mrs Coles (0327) 50211

*FAMILY FUN DAY*

at the OLD CROWN ASHTON

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

31 AUGUST 1992

11.00am til LATE

Robin and Eileen invite you to join them

for a day of Fun for all of the Family

BOUNCY CASTLE - BARBEQUE

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presents THE FIESTA

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