

ASHTON

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ASHTON WIVES GROUP

There will be an informal meeting on Wednesday evening 13 September at 8.00pm at 'Christingle' 8A Hartwell Road, Ashton to discuss the possibility of forming a Wives Group in the village.

For further information please contact Joyce Kingsbury on 864390

ASHTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following recent successful gatherings by Ashton Senior Citizens at the Primary School, with the aim of having a closer involvement between the children and older people, additional dates have been proposed. These are:

Sept 13, 27 Oct 11 Nov 1, 15, 29 Dec 13

All Senior Citizens are welcome.

ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will be providing two rubbish skips on Saturday 26 August. The skips will be located at:

- a) Little Ashton
- b) The Green, Stoke Road

The skips should not be used for garden rubbish.

SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY

VALE FARM PLANNING SOUGHT

An application has been sought to change the use of the Ashton Vale Farm buildings as described below:

CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BUILDING FROM AGRICULTURAL TO USE WITHIN CLASSES B1 (BUSINESS) B2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) AND B8 (STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION) AND ASSOCIATED WIDENING OF BOZENHAM MILL LANE.

Should anyone in Ashton wish to make an official comment on these changes, please write as soon as possible to : South Northamptonshire Council Planning Department, Council Offices, Spring Fields, Towcester, Northants NN12 6AE, quoting Application number S950714P

This is an extract of a letter we received in response to the Vale Farm Planning Application:

It seems that many, but not all of my fellow residents have received notification of the proposed planning application relating to the farm buildings at Vale Farm. Application has been sought to change the use of these farm buildings to accommodate Light Industry and/or Storage. I would urge each and every one of you to write to South Northants DC opposing this application for the following reasons:

- * Ashton's road network is totally unsuitable for vans, lorries and trucks.
- * The rural atmosphere would be spoilt by having an industrial site in the midst of the village and would de-value existing Ashton properties.
- * The proposal to widen Bozenham Mill Road to gain access would not improve the road infrastructure and would damage the surrounding country side. To use this road would also be a potential accident black spot due to the severe bend on the corner of the Hartwell / Bozenham Mill Road.

Hopefully, you will all agree with these sentiments and register your views so that we can yet again successfully oppose this application.

Yours sincerely
Pat Smith

ROADE HILL PLANNING SOUGHT

It has recently been brought to our attention that a planning application has been sought for the land at the top of Roade Hill opposite the smallholding, as described below:

T.H. STRUDWICK AND SON APPLY FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF LAND FOR PARKING OF ONE SKIP LORRY AND STORAGE OF DISMOUNTABLE SKIPS

Should anyone in Ashton wish to make an official comment on these changes, please write as soon as possible to : South Northamptonshire Council Planning Department, Council Offices, Spring Fields, Towcester, Northants NN12 6AE, quoting Application number S950613P

OLD ASHTON

This letter was received from MRS A.E.SMITH:

I noticed two people viewing our garden and was surprised when the gentleman came to the door and asked if he could take a photo of the garden with the 'OLD CROWN' in the background. Noting he had an American accent, he told me his great great grandfather, a Richard Ashby, was at one time a landlord of the **OLD CROWN**.

This is recorded in the W.I Scrapbook as follows:

RICHARD ASHBY, a farmer, took over as landlord in 1827. After his death his wife, **MATILDA**, held the license for many years. They had six sons and two daughters. Presumably one of their children emigrated to America.

After the Ashbys, the license passed to a Henry Wilding. He was succeeded by George Shakeshaft. The license remained in that family for nearly 70 years.

Mrs Shakeshaft told me that many years ago a female member of the Ashby family paid a visit to the pub and badly wanted to buy an etching of the inside of the pub as it was about 60 years ago. Needless to say, she would not sell it and I now wish I had taken our visitor there to see it.

Many thanks to Mrs Smith for her letter. If there are any others out there who have memories or information of OLD ASHTON, please let Dave and Dee know.

THE GREAT WALL OF ASHTON

Peter 'THE WALL' Durnford would like to inform interested observers of the said WALL that its innovative two tone 'Layered' effect has taken many months of design and effort to complete.

Should anyone in Ashton like a quote for a similar design, please contact Peter (builder and designer of the lower half). Peter's partner in this enterprise, who provided the top part of the wall, would prefer to remain anonymous.

ASHTON FOOTPATHS

If there are any regular users of Ashton footpaths, we would like comments and suggestions for improving them. Please contact Dee Farrand 863225.

Northamptonshire Womens Network

The Northamptonshire Womens Network has been set up to help women return to work. Thinking of returning to work, interested in job training, want to change your job, then call the N.W.N. HELPLINE on 01933 665032

CONTACTS in ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL

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