

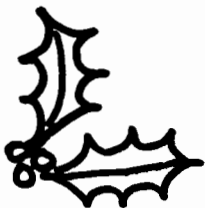
ASHTON

Village News

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**SEASONS'S GREETINGS
TO EVERYONE
IN
ASHTON**



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OPEN MEETING

Due to the recent spate of break-ins in the village, an open meeting is to be held on **12 December** at **7.30pm** in the **Public Bar** of the **Old Crown** to raise awareness of Neighbourhood Watch in Ashton.

The Village Co-ordinator, Lesley Godfrey, needs support to set up a team of helpers around the village. Please find time to attend the meeting so that we can help to deter burglary and theft.

SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY

BURGLAR ALARMS

The Police and SNC Environmental Health Department have asked us to bring the following points to your attention.

When an alarm goes off, ring the police immediately. They will attend to check the premises and ascertain whether it has been caused by a break-in or whether there is a fault on the alarm. If the Police are satisfied that there has not been a break-in and the owners cannot be contacted; where the alarm is causing a noise nuisance, the next step is to contact the SNC Environmental Health Department. The number is 01327 350211 (out of hours tel 01327 358040)

In cases where the owners cannot be contacted, the Environmental Health Officer will apply for a warrant and employ a locksmith and an alarm specialist. They will attempt to silence the alarm from the outside of the building. If this is not possible, they will enter the premises to rectify the fault. Once they have abated the noise from the alarm, they will attempt to secure the property and may fit a temporary alarm if the original alarm cannot be reset.

All this is very costly and especially so if outside normal working hours. ***The householder will be invoiced for the costs of call-out fees , overtime and contractor's fees.*** With a little thought you can prevent this happening by fitting your alarm with a device that cuts off after 20 minutes. When an alarm is installed, contact the Police and the Local Authority giving them details of a nominated keyholder to your property for emergency contact.

The main point is **do not ignore the alarm - ring the Police immediately.** They will investigate and advise on the appropriate action to be taken if there is not evidence of break-in.

PARKING FACILITIES IN ASHTON

The Parish Council have written to SNC asking for improved parking facilities in Ashton. Residents are reminded that obstructive parking, parking on footpaths and parking on the highway without Road Tax are all traffic offences. Following recent complaints, the Police will be more vigilant in future. Please note.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7 November 1995

The following are some of the points discussed at the meeting

Fireworks - The Parish Council would like to thank Peter Rudkin and all who helped make it a successful evening. £314.00p was made for the Village School.

Gritting - Bernard Day is the Village Gritting and Snow Representative.

Planning Applications - Change of use of Vale Farm buildings was turned down due to restricted access. The application for 4 new houses on Tew's property was successful

Tree Warden - David Hearth has been accepted as the new Tree Warden

Bus Shelters - Council are awaiting further information.

Street Lighting - A request for lighting at Stoke Road garages is being considered.

Footpath - A complaint has been received concerning the footpath to Bailey's field. The access has been blocked off. This is being investigated.

CARE FOR THE HOMELESS

Night Shelters and Soup Kitchens are organisations which care for the Homeless and they greatly need help from the general public. If you feel that you can help, some of the needs are listed below.

Warm Clothes (especially for men)

Blankets

Towels

Men's underwear

Scarves & woolly hats (not childrens)

and gloves, gloves, gloves !!

If anyone can spare a can of Baked Beans that would also be very helpful.

Please telephone Joyce Kingsbury on 01604 864390 to arrange for delivery or collection. Thank you.

GARDENS TIDIED

Trees pruned Fences repaired

Bernard Day Tel. 862383

Next Parish Council
Meeting

16 January 1996

7.30pm

at the Old Crown

St Michael and All Angels ASHTON

Services during December

Sunday 17th	3.30pm	Carol Service
Sunday 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

ASHTON LADIES GROUP

Next Meeting

at Mens Own Rugby Club

on Wednesday 13 December from 7.30pm

The subject for the meeting is home-made
Christmas decorations and presents.

Bring along your own examples.

CONTACTS in ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN	Bernard Day	862383
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COUNCILLORS	Maurice Foster	
	Anne Sale	863324
	Alan Sharp	862360
	Lesley Godfrey	862027

SCHOOL

CHAIRMAN PTA	Ann Begbie	863011
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CO-ORDINATOR	Lesley Godfrey	862027
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WARDENS

FOOTPATH	Delia Farrand	863225
TREE	David Hearth	864575

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