

ASHTON

Village News

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USE IT OR LOSE IT

Our Bus Service is in jeopardy. Owing to the recent take-over by StageCoach of the Road Car bus company, our timetable is to be reviewed. From February 19 we shall only have two buses into Northampton at 8.10am and 10.20am and the first one out will be at 1.15pm followed by one at 3.25pm and 5.25pm. It will be impossible to go to Milton Keynes by bus.

The Northampton County Council are being very helpful and are trying to arrange for a bus at 2.45pm to come through the village to enable people to get to the Doctors or to do some shopping. It is in everyones interests to use the public transport or we might find ourselves isolated.

Mrs A.E. Smith

ASHTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Visits to Ashton CE Primary School

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

14 February, 6 March, 20 March, 24 April, 8 May, 22 May, 12 June,
26 June, 10 July (between 2.30pm and 3.30pm)

All senior citizens are welcome

SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY

VALE FARM PLANNING

Vale Farm has been the subject of much contention lately. The current situation has devalued the nearby properties and I have been in direct contact with Sunley Holdings concerning this. Unfortunately they seem to be resolute on upsetting and annoying the residents of Ashton, particularly the people neighbouring the farm, with the pure intent of getting us to beg the Planning Department for residential permission. This highlights their desperation to start building. I, for one, would not mind four or five houses. However, should they get such planning permission, you can be sure that it will not stop there. Sunley Holdings have retained a large amount of land, part of which is currently rented out and used for agricultural purposes, and I can see no other reason for holding this land other than for building on in the future.

Jill Terry

Soup Kitchen Appeal

Joyce Kingsbury wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful reponse to the Soup Kitchen appeal. Everything given was much appreciated.

Ashton Ladies Group

Next meeting at Men's Own Rugby Club on Wednesday 14 February at 7.30pm. The subject of the meeting is Local Footpaths. All ladies welcome.

Ashton Church Annual Vestry Meeting

The meeting will be held on Monday 11 March in Church at 7.00pm. All those on the electoral roll are entitled to come and vote at this meeting and we cordially invite you to attend. The electoral roll is in the course of being renewed. Anyone wishing to be included can obtain forms from Mr B Skinner, Kassen, Stoke Road.

We do hope that at least some of the villagers will attend, as we are a Church with a dwindling congregation and, without a congregation, the Church will simply close. Do you want this to happen? Its up to you!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The last Ashton Parish Council meeting was held on 16 January at the Old Crown. The following points were discussed.

Garages at Stoke Road - SNC have no plans at present to sell land surrounding the garages. They recognise that the area is poorly lit but it is unlikely that money will be available this year to provide lighting.

Neighbourhood Watch - Geoff Kitchener has volunteered to take over as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Obstructive Parking - This has been noted by the Police and action may be taken.

Village Appraisal - Michael Learoyd has volunteered to co-ordinate the compilation of a Village Appraisal for Ashton.

Bus Services - letters have been sent opposing the cuts in services.

Road Hill Corner - following recent accidents and near misses at the corner, the Parish Council discussed traffic calming and are writing to the Highways Department for advice.

Any Other Business - the following were discussed - street lighting, precept for the next year, bus shelter, equipment for the playing field, dog fouling byelaws, problems relating to Stonefield holdings.

Date of Next Meeting - 4 March 96 at 7.30pm in Old Crown.

Date of AGM - end of March or early April (to be advised).

Hartwell Road Closure

Hartwell Road will be closed to through traffic for a day or so during March for a full examination of the railway bridge

Local District Councillor

Alex Wood represents Ashton and Hartwell at Council meetings and can be contacted on **01604 862634** about any matters that affect your village

Neighbourhood Watch

An open meeting on 12 December 95 was well attended. PC Howells provided an insight into how we could improve Neighbourhood Watch. A meeting on 29 January 96 of Neighbourhood Watch Village Contacts reorganised the areas for which each Contact is responsible. Further details will be published shortly.

GARDENS TIDIED

Trees pruned, Fences repaired,
Airport Trips, Home Minding
Bernard Day Tel. 862383

ASHTON POST OFFICE
at the Old Crown
Monday & Thursday
9 til 12

Mobile Hairdresser

call

HELEN

on

01604 769858

(reductions for OAPs)

St Michael and All Angels ASHTON

Services during February

Sunday 11th 6.00pm Welcome Service
Sunday 18th 8.15am Holy Communion

Anglian Water
Information Caravan
visiting Ashton
on Monday
19 February
between 10 and 4
in Old Crown car park
to answer customer's
queries

Geoff and Yvonne
welcome you to the

OLD CROWN

Meals available daily
12 til 2
7 til 9.30

CONTACTS in ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN	Bernard Day	862383
SECRETARY	Venita Webb	862313
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	Geoff Kitchener	862268
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WARDENS

FOOTPATH	David & Delia Farrand	863225
TREE	David Hearth	864575

CHURCH

RECTOR		
CHURCH WARDENS	B Nevison, B Skinner	

COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

PC Malkin	01327 300300
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CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

Anna Biggs	01327 303110
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