

ASHTON

Village News

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ASHTON CHURCH FETE - THANK YOU

Once again we had a very successful Fete, helped I am sure by our new venue at the Mens Own Rugby ground, pity the weather was'nt better though!

I wish to thank all those who helped with the organisation of the Fete, all those who collected, all those who gave the numerous items for sale on the stalls and all those who assisted on the day.

I wish to give a special thank you to Mens Own Rugby Club for providing their facilities. East Midlands Electricity for providing the Bouncy Castle and Mr Bernard Day for his assistance organising the Pony Rides and transporting the Bouncy Castle, Ashton Ladies Group for their excellent assistance, also the pupils of Roade Primary school for their display of Rythmic Gymnastics.

The grand total of monies taken was £571.48. This is £120.00 more than last year, so congratulations all round.

Once again on behalf of the Church Council I wish to thank everyone for making the Fete such a successful and enjoyable occasion. Many thanks.

B. Nevison
Ashton PCC Hon Treasurer

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VALE FARM DEVELOPMENT(AGAIN)

Developers have re-applied for outline planning permission on two sites at Vale Farm. South Northants Council have informed Ashton residents whose own properties are on the boundary of the proposed developments. As we feel that these developments could have far reaching effects upon the future size of Ashton, we are again publishing some of the information in the Ashton Village News.

As many members of Ashton will know, the Sunley developers for Vale Farm have since 1992 been applying for permission to develop the farm buildings and surrounding area. Over the years the size of land and number of houses has been steadily reduced from the originally proposed huge Estate to the current application for three houses on the Bozenham Mill development site.

We, like many in Ashton, feel that these applications are just the 'THIN EDGE OF THE WEDGE' and that, once Estate housing is allowed to be developed in Ashton, it will lead in the not too distant future to more and more estate type houses, both at Vale Farm and in other areas of Ashton (discussed in July 1994).

Some of the following may be considered as important:

- ◆ The Development is the thin edge of the wedge which may allow many more houses to be built. This would significantly change the character of the village.
- ◆ Much of the proposed development areas are outside the Ashton Village confines. Once breached, this may allow much more development around Ashton.
- ◆ The Vale farm buildings have been reported as being redundant and obsolete. The buildings are in use and should be used for their original agricultural purposes as stated during the Public Inquiry.
- ◆ The Ashton road infrastructure has difficulty coping with the current traffic conditions.
- ◆ Many people live in Ashton because of its small size and quietness and would not like to see the village become the size of Roade or Hartwell in years to come.
- ◆ South Northants Council and the Result of the Public Inquiry are against this type of development in Ashton.
- ◆ Much of the land proposed for the original large estate is still held by Sunley or its agents, possibly ready for further development later.
- ◆ The Northamptonshire Structure plan and the Northamptonshire local plan are against this type of development.

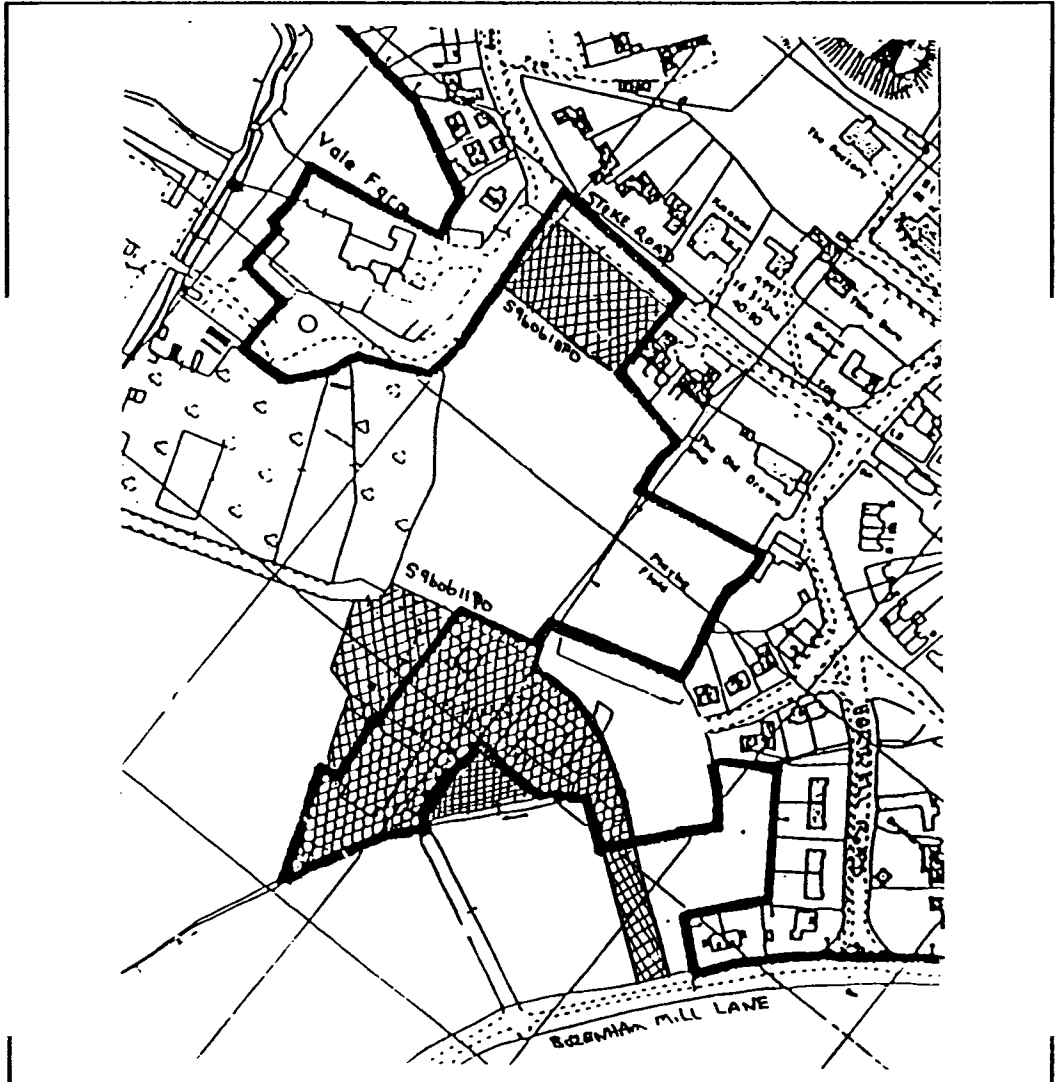
The Map seen on the next page shows the two areas (shaded) for which Developers have applied for outline planning permission. One with an entrance from Stoke Road and the other with access from Bozenham Mill Lane. The thick black line shows the Village confines boundary (Jul 94).

Once again we would urge Ashton Villagers who feel strongly about the future size of our village to write to - **South Northants Council, Planning Department, Council Offices, Springfields, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6AE** - .

A separate letter is required for each of the developments. Quote application number **S960611PO** for the Farm Buildings development off Bozenham Mill Lane. Quote application number **S960610PO** for the development off Stoke Road. All letters are taken into account by the Council in making their decision, but you must write before **2 AUGUST**.

For more information contact any member of the Parish Council or attend the next Parish Council Meeting on 13 August where these developments are to be discussed.

Dave & Dee Farrand



**The Treasure Hunt and Barbeque
proposed for 21 July
have been cancelled
due to lack of support**

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