

ASHTON

Village News

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Ashton School needs your help

Please help the school to get free equipment from Sainsbury's and Tesco's. You can help by collecting vouchers from these stores and handing them in at the school or to a pupil of the school.

The Sainsbury's Equipment for Schools scheme began on 23 February and runs until 31 May 1997. You may need to ask for these vouchers.

The Tesco Computers for Schools scheme will run from 17 March to 25 May 1997.

Thanks to your support last year, we received approximately £250 of equipment from Tesco's and Sainsbury's.

Please support your local school again this year by collecting the vouchers.

Very many thanks to all who came to "celebrate" my retiral from Ashton School and to those of you who contributed to my magnificent retiral gifts. I send my very best wishes to you for 1997.

Mrs Joan Hicks

Jack and Mary
welcome you to the
Old Crown, Ashton

Lunches daily 12.00 til 2.30
Evening meals 7.00 til 10.00
Sunday lunches 12.30 til 2.30

**Entertainment
every Saturday
night**

**Mothers Day
Lunch
on 9 March**

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Parish Council Meeting

11 February 97

Road Gritting was discussed following the accidents during the cold period after Christmas. Owing to cut backs, Ashton is no longer on the regular gritting route.

The need for a **Village Hall** was discussed at length, following the results of the survey in the Village Appraisal and the impending new Millenium which could help fund-raising efforts. Concern was expressed on the viability of a hall owing to the number of other halls in the locality and the cost and effort required to run a hall. Other villages, larger than Ashton, have found themselves in difficulty.

The Parish Council felt there was insufficient support for the project. What do you think? Any volunteers?

The need for a new **Village School** was discussed. Much work has been done towards this project in recent years but the problems of finance and land in a suitable position seem to be insurmountable.

The Parish Council, whilst sympathetic to the needs of the School, did not feel able to form a committee to further this project. What do you think? Volunteers?

The Parish Council has in the past decided not to legislate against **dogs** in the village. However, we have recently had complaints about **fouling**.

Firstly, would dog owners please prevent their dogs fouling the pavements where possible and failing this please clean up after their dogs. Secondly, would all householders keep their own pavements clear. Co-operation with the above will make the village more pleasant and avoid the necessity for future restrictive Byelaws.

Next meeting 8 April, AGM 22 April

Bernard Day

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News from 1st Roade Scouts

Roade Scout group is still expanding at an amazing rate. We now have 30 Beaver Scouts and 25 Cub Scouts. Both these sections are now full and there is a waiting list to join. The Scouts are also very well supported with 27 members.

Activities for the year started as soon as Christmas was over. When, on what must have been the coldest night of the year with the temperature dropping to -8°C , the Scouts held a sleepover in the middle of Yardley Chase. We have many camps planned for the next few months or so. Once again it will be an exciting year.

Northampton Gang Show

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Northampton Gang Show. It has always been one of the best shows in the country and this year will prove to be even better than ever. Three Scouts from Ashton are in the show. They are Helen Rudkin, Aimee Ash and Kayleigh Parmenter. Rehearsals started at the beginning of the year and take up three nights a week until the week of the show in May. The girls are having to learn nearly 50 songs, lots of dance routines and over 10 costume changes for each performance.

The show is on at the Derngate Theatre from Monday 12 May to Saturday 17 May. Tickets are now available at the Box Office. Please support what is surely the best family show of the year.

Peter Rudkin

Roade Secondary School is working with many groups and individuals in the **local community** to provide a range of new **opportunities for young people**.

For example:

- ◆ A self defence course being run for girls only, provided by the Youth Service and run over a series of evenings.
- ◆ A new Youth Theatre group catering for nine to twelve year olds, set up by some ex-students now living in the area.
- ◆ A new coaching course in Table Tennis with a view to establishing a new community based club.

The aims of such projects are to help youngsters make constructive use of their time, to give the opportunity to learn new skills and to allow them to reach their potential as individuals.

The Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels

Our once-a-month "Family Service" should have a special appeal to those who according to the Ashton Appraisal consider "that not enough is being done to encourage more youngsters into the Church". The youngsters in question are of course not likely to come unless their parents accompany them!

The next **Family Service** will be for **Mothering Sunday** at 11.00am on 9 March and will include the blessing of posies and Mothering Sunday gifts.

GOOD FRIDAY

28 March 2.00pm to 3.00pm "An Hour by the Cross"

EASTER SUNDAY

30 March 8.15am Holy Communion

Ashton Ladies Group
Wednesday 12 March 1997
from 7.30pm at Men's Own Rugby Club
Slides of Old Ashton & Hartwell
by Mrs Betty Cambers

The **Church Coffee Morning** held on 5 March at the Old Crown raised £118.00p including proceeds from a raffle held in the pub on the previous Saturday.

There will be another Coffee Morning at the Old Crown on Wednesday 9 April at 10.30am by kind permission of Jack and May.

GARDENS TIDIED - TREES PRUNED - FENCES REPAIRED

Bernard Day Tel. 862383

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