

ASHTON

Village News

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White Elephant

Tombola

Raffle

Bouncy Castle

Teas

Plants

Cakes

ASHTON CHURCH FETE

19 JULY

from 2.00pm

at the

Rugby Club

Bottle

Books

Ice-cream

Sweets

Pony Rides

Children's games

Nissan BTCC racing car
(courtesy of RML)

Dog (and owner)
Agility Competition

Donations to the various stalls or for the raffle will be gratefully received and can be collected between 11 and 18 July. Please contact **Marion Wilson** on **864254** or **Bernard Day** on **862383**.

SPONSORED ANONYMOUSLY

Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of Ashton Parish Council was held on 10 June 97. Bernard Day and Maurice Foster were re-elected as chairman and vice chairman.

A request to NCC for a grit bin in the jitty to Cooks Close received an indefinite answer due to limited funding. A request for some form of traffic calming in the village could not be considered since reduced funding means no more calming schemes can be undertaken in the foreseeable future.

The composting scheme was discussed at length. SNC are very concerned about complaints from Ashton. A number of residents who contacted SNC have been visited by council staff. The main problem seems to be that the black bins will not hold two weeks refuse for some households. The Council argue that if we maximise the recycling of plastics, etc, the black bins should last a fortnight. SNC delivered letters to each house. Apparently the scheme is working well in other parts of the country.

We were asked if the proposal for a railway station at Blisworth would affect Ashton. SNC are currently only dealing with the station proposal and ancillary facilities. They have no control over timetable implications or the possible increased use of the track. There has been absolutely no indication of any proposals for track enhancement or extension at Ashton or elsewhere.

The skips supplied by the Parish Council for the village appear to be used by non-villagers also. It was proposed to change the position and timing in the future.

The next meeting is on 12 August 97.

Bernard Day

DON'T FORGET - Village Appraisals are still for sale at £7.00p. Copies can be obtained from the Old Crown or from Dave & Dee Farrand on 863225

Wine and Cheese Party at the Old Rectory

We had another houseful at the annual party for Church funds on the 15 May and those that attended contributed nearly £600 towards the upkeep of the Church. This was a record sum since the event was first held some fifteen years ago, despite the fact that numbers were slightly down.

We had some magnificent prizes this year and some inventive ones (the Old Rectory has at last got rid of an indescribable what-not after four years of trying). I have to thank everyone who attended, gave prizes or surrendered cash - and particularly if you did all three. I hope that I didn't embarrass you but, if I did, remember it is all in a good cause. Please come next year - we have a stiff target to beat.

Mike Learoyd.

A date for your diary

Brian and Anne Sale are holding
a **Coffee Evening** at 2 Cooks Close
on **Thursday 14 August** at 7.30pm
in aid of Church Funds

Footpath and Farm News

Footpath (KA16) which starts from Bozenham Mill Lane and runs through the fields to Bozenhall Mill has been cut through the oil seed rape crop by Mr Arrowsmith. The hedge on the far side of this field which grows along the stream has been cut back recently. The hedge has not been removed. The roots are left and the hedge will grow back in a couple of years. The hedge was too thick and had become bad from the wildlife point of view. Another hedge on the farm which received the same treatment is already 2 to 3 ft high. Mr Arrowsmith intends to start layering hedges in the traditional manner this year. Large nesting boxes have been put up around the farm for owls and hawks. One is currently being used for nesting by a hawk, so sparrows beware!

Hayfever

This time of year many people suffer from the runny nose, sneezing, red and sore eyes that come from an allergy to pollen. Some people suffer all year round.

Acupuncture can be very effective in reducing the symptoms and strengthening the body's resistance to allergens.

For information or an appointment contact

Steve Reynolds

479 Wellingborough Road

Northampton

01604 863537

GARDENS TIDIED

**Trees pruned,
Fences repaired,**

Bernard Day

Tel. 862383

**Mobile Hairdresser
Ladies/Men/Children**

DARIEL

Tel. 040208 3471

Want to Improve your Health and Fitness

Roade School provides many activities which are aimed at improving people's health and fitness. All these sessions are open to local people, no previous experience required and they cater for all abilities with the emphasis on fun and purposeful enjoyment.

"Bums n Tums"	Mondays 7pm	for both sexes
Circuit Training	Mondays	for both sexes, a mixture of activity
Step Aerobics	Tuesdays & Thursday 7pm	
Casual Swimming	Thursday nights	adults only

Further details are available from **Jackie** on **01604 862125**

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	Bernard Day	862383
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WARDENS

FOOTPATH	David & Delia Farrand	863225
TREE	David Hearth	864575

CHURCH

RECTOR	Rev H W Webb	862284
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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Survey for possible NEW Shop/Post Office/Off Licence in Ashton

Dennis the new Landlord of the Old Crown is considering opening a Shop/Post Office/Off Licence in Ashton, adjacent to the Old Crown. **Dennis needs this survey to be completed by as many people as possible to know if he can expect Village support for his shop.**

Could all those who would be prepared to support this new venture please fill in the form below, indicating the sort of products / service etc they would like.

Please tick all those you would use;

<u>SHOP</u>	(Occasional use / Regular use)
<u>POST OFFICE</u>	(Occasional use / Regular use)
<u>OFF LICENCE</u>	(Occasional use / Regular use)

A provisional list of Products for the Shop are:

newspapers, (morning / evening, to be collected)
frozen foods,
tinned and dry goods, sugar, tea coffee,
milk, eggs
fresh fruit and vegetables etc.

Please tick those PRODUCTS of interest above, add additional comments/ products below and your name and address if you wish:

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(use reverse of form if more room is needed)

Please tick the preferred times of opening: Morning
Afternoon
Evening

Many people have missed having a village shop and Dennis should be encouraged and supported.

Please complete it and return it to the Old Crown BEFORE the 20th July.