

ASHTON

Village News

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Neighbourhood Watch

In July 1993 a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was set up in the village and ran for several years. Unfortunately over the last year or so the scheme has been in decline since Mr Legg left the Old Crown.

I believe that a village of the size of Ashton should have a NHW scheme and as such I have arranged for a meeting at the **Old Crown** at **7pm** on **Tuesday 24 February** to which all are invited.

Present will be myself and Anna BIGGS (Western Area Crime Prevention Officer). I hope to have a NHW Co-ordinator from a nearby village to speak.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting. **Mark Osborne PC1113**

Ashton School Book Fund and Church Coffee Mornings

Tuesday February 17 and Tuesday March 17

at the

Old Crown Inn

(courtesy of Dennis and Hazel)

10 am to 11.30 am



Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cake Stall, Paperback Library

£1 (children 50p) for coffee and biscuits

Feb 17 is in half term. Why not bring the children along?

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Ashton CE Primary School

Once again this year we are collecting Tesco Computer Vouchers for our school. We are saving for a portable Apple eMate computer which we will be able to use in all areas of the school as well as on field and residential trips. We will need 4750 vouchers for this and would really appreciate your help in collecting vouchers. This year some important changes have been made to the Tesco Computers for Schools scheme of which you need to be aware.

The promotion starts earlier than in previous years - Monday 2 February for a ten week period until 12 April (Easter Sunday).

To give you an even better chance of collecting equipment, customers will receive one computer voucher for every £10 spent in any Tesco store and petrol station during this time.

In addition, be sure to look out for special Tesco Computers for Schools voucher offers on packs of Coco-Cola in store.

Collection points for vouchers are at the school and at the Old Crown. Vouchers may also be given to any of our children or staff

Thank you for your support



RING IN THE MILLENIUM

Have you ever thought how lovely it is to hear the bells ring out from Ashton Church before a service? Or perhaps you would like to hear the Bells in Ashton Church ring in the new Millennium?

If so, we need you to join our band

The Open Churches Trust plans to train new recruits to take part in special services to be held at noon on New Year's Day 2000 in as many churches as possible across the country and we would like to include Ashton!

Even if you have other events planned to welcome in the Millennium we would love to hear from you. The minimum age to learn is 12 years and there is no maximum age, just a commitment to learn and practice.

Bell ringing practice takes place at **Roade Church** on **Wednesday evenings** from **7.45 pm** until **9.00 pm**. (Usually the last Wednesday of the month we come to Ashton Church)

**Why not come along for a trial run to see how you get on...
but be warned it is great fun and very addictive!**

For further details, please contact Marion Wilson on 864254

Ashton Parish Council Meeting

Points from the meeting held on 13 January:-

Road Gritting through Ashton will be done at no cost to the village. Gritting will only be done in severe conditions.

2 street lights in **St Michael's Court** are to be removed.

The **Fireworks** evening was wet but well supported. A total of £307 was made for School funds.

South Northants Council representatives are reluctant to attend further meetings as they believe they have answered all outstanding queries concerning the **Compost Scheme**.

Urgent work on **drains** will be carried out soon.

The **village sign** on Roade Hill is obscured by hedging which is to be trimmed in the near future.

Discussions were held concerning the frequency and cost of mowing the **Playing Field** behind the pub.

The Council is to apply for a **Precept** of £3000. This is the same amount as last year, as no additional expenses are forecast for the coming year.

Funds could be available for **Millenium Celebrations**. Ideas for celebrations in Ashton are needed urgently.

A letter has been sent to SNDC requesting **Traffic Calming** in the village.

A resident complained about the messy state of **leaves on the road** at Roade Hill. The council discussed plans to deal with this problem for the coming Autumn.

Tree database forms have been forwarded to David Hearth, Tree Warden.

The **Footpath** wardens informed the Council that a survey was carried out at the end of 1997. New finger posts have already been erected.

Next meeting is March 10 at 7.30 pm in the Old Crown.

Ashton School Library and Learning Area

You may remember from our last issue that the Ashton School Parents Association are working hard to raise funds for books for the new School Library. They have devised a Book Donation scheme. **Can you help?**

It would be wonderful if everyone in Ashton could support the project. Each book bought by your donation would have a bookplate inserted in the front bearing your name. When building work is completed, it is hoped to invite all book donors to the school to say thank you and to give them an opportunity to view the new library.

If you would like to know more you are most welcome to contact

Anne Plummer (862397) or Jan Willetts (863421)

They will be happy to help

**Message from
James Arrowsmith**

The traditional art of hedge laying is taking place at Vale Farm. Villagers are welcome to walk the farm to observe.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

at St Mary's Church, Roade
on Friday 6 March from 10.30 am

There will be a creche available



**At the OLD CROWN
on Saturday 14th
Valentine Special 3 course Dinner
£14.95p (free glass of dessert wine)**



Services at St. Michael's Parish Church

Sunday February 15	FAMILY COMMUNION	11.00 am
Sunday February 22	Evensong	3.30 pm
Sunday March 1	Holy Communion	8.15 am
Sunday March 8	Holy Communion	8.15 am
Sunday March 15	Evensong	6.00 pm
MOTHERING SUNDAY March 21	Informal FAMILY SERVICE *EVERYBODY WELCOME*	11.00 am
Sunday March 30	Holy Communion	8.15 am
Sunday April 5	Holy Communion	8.15 am
GOOD FRIDAY April 10	"An Hour by the Cross"	2.00 - 3.00 pm
EASTER SUNDAY April 12	Holy Communion (time to be announced) Evensong with Easter Devotions	6.00 pm

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