



ASHTON



Village News



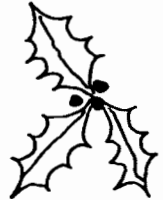
Issue 4

Next Issue Feb 93

December 1992



**Wishing Ashtoners
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



AVN EDITORS -

DAVID and DELIA FARRAND, 20 HARTWELL ROAD, ASHTON. Telephone 863225

POST OFFICE FOR ASHTON

There is every likelihood that Ashton will once again have its own Post Office.

Robin and Eileen Legg of the Old Crown applied to the Post Office for details on setting up a community Post Office at the public house. They have been visited by Post Office personnel who have inspected the premises and raised no objections to their application.

The entrance to the Post Office will be via the side door on the right of the pub near to the garage. The Post Office counter will be located across the corridor leading directly from this door.

Robin and Eileen are in the process of completing the paperwork necessary to gain official acceptance.

They propose to open on two mornings each week for a total of 6 hours. The final details are still to be completed.

Further particulars will be reported in the next Issue.

SPONSORED BY AN ASHTON PENSIONER

CHURCH NEWS

December is going to be quite a busy month at the Parish Church.

On Sunday 13th, there will be our Carol Service at 6pm with children of the School taking part.

On Monday 14th at 2pm, the School Play for senior citizens, with tea and mince pies afterwards in the School.

On Tuesday 15th, the School Play once more, this time at 7pm, for parents, relatives and friends.

On Sunday 20th, the Eucharist at 10.30am, as many people have requested. Although it is near Christmas, we hope those who have asked for the service will be able to support it.

On Thursday 24th, it is our turn to have the Midnight Eucharist for the three parishes. This will begin at 11.30pm and all are welcome. Two new heaters have been installed in the church, so we will be warmer!

COMMUNITY VILLAGE POLICEMAN

Pc Allard recently left after many years in the area and his place has been taken by Pc Malkin (Pc 449), the new Community Village Policeman.

Pc Malkin covers the villages of Ashton, Hartwell and Roade and intends to visit Ashton on a daily basis. He will be seen both on foot and in his police vehicle. Pc Malkin wishes to get to know the people of Ashton, so if you see him around he would be very pleased to talk to you.

As a crime prevention measure, Pc Malkin will occasionally stop vehicles in the area, especially late at night. As this is very much in the interests of the village, Pc Malkin hopes that Ashton locals will accept this small inconvenience should it happen to them.

If you note anything suspicious in the Ashton area, please ring 0604 700700.

**SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL PARISH TOPICS
RADON**

Northamptonshire is being designated as an "affected area" and subject to further monitoring by the National Radiological Protection Board. Free monitoring by the Board is now available for all private households.

For further information including the supply of a monitoring disc, contact the Environmental Health Section (0327) 50211 Ext 513/514

ASHTON POOR'S LAND CHARITIES

Newcomers to Ashton may be interested to know about the Ashton Poor's Land Charities. These charities relate to two fields in the Parish of Ashton. The fields were formerly used as allotments by villagers. When their use as allotments declined, the fields were rented out. The income derived from renting the fields is distributed to Ashton's Old Age Pensioners at Christmas.

At one time pensioners used to receive gifts of firewood. Then coal replaced wood and, because of the different types of house heating, from 1991 it was decided to distribute money.

A Report by Charity Commissioners dating from the early part of the last century states that the 12 Poles or Poor's Land Charity began when an allotment was allocated to the Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers on the inclosure of open fields in the parish in 1817. Before the inclosure the rent of the Poor's Land had been distributed among the poor, but subsequently it seems that it was used instead to buy coal for distribution. The Central Register entry for the charity shows "fuel for the benefit of the poor of the Parish of Ashton" as the charity's object.

The 6 Poles Charity is comprised in the Salcey Forest Inclosure Award of 1825. The allocation of the allotments was to the Rector, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor "for the use of the Poor of the said Parish of Ashton as compensation for their right to sere and broken wood".

Mrs Margery Fisher was secretary of the Charity Trustees from October 1956 until November 1992 when she resigned due to ill health. The Trustees are unanimous in expressing their deep appreciation for her 35 years of service to the charities.

At present the trustees are Mr G Bailey (Chairman), Mrs D Farrand (Secretary), Canon C Davidson, Mrs K Lever and Mrs E Hay.

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL PARISH TOPICS DOG WARDEN SERVICE

The Council's Environmental Health Section has recently introduced a Dog Warden Service throughout the District.

The Dog Warden (a private contractor) will collect up and detain stray dogs and dispose of them if they remain unclaimed.

Visit to schools, clubs and voluntary organisations will be made to explain the Dog Warden's role. Further information can be obtained from the Environmental Health Section (0327) 50211

**SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
COUNCIL**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SNC's Emergency Telephone No.
has changed to

(0327) 358040

National Rivers Authority's 24
hours a day line for "Pollution of
Watercourse" complaints is

(0733) 371811

Anglian Water's line for sewerage,
sewage flooding, etc is

(0832) 276000

BOZENHAM MILL GARDENS

Unusual Christmas Gifts

Bonsai Trees

Miniature Gardens

Trough Gardens

Unusual Alpines

Dwarf Conifers

Heathers



Bozenham Mill Road

1 mile from Ashton

Tel: **(0908) 542171**

CONTACTS in ASHTON

Listed below are some contacts that may be
useful to you

PARISH COUNCIL :

CHAIRMAN	Tim Davies	862904
SECRETARY	Venita Webb	862313
MEMBER	Derek Hay	862374
MEMBER	Maurice Foster	
MEMBER	Bernard Day	862383
MEMBER	Anne Beasley	863324

WARDENS :

FOOTPATH	Delia Farrand	863225
TREE	David Farrand	863225
ASSISTANT	Kevin Palmer	
ASSISTANT	Ken Ansdell	863426

CHURCH :

CANON	C.H. Davidson	862284
WARDEN	Brian Nevison	862716

SCHOOL :

PARENTS ASN	Sandra Notley	863172
GOVERNORS	Alan Sharp	862360

S.N.C. ASHTON REPRESENTATIVE

-Mrs Coles (0327) 50211

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AT THE OLD CROWN

On Friday 18th December
at 8.30pm

a traditional Irish Folk Band

RAPSCALLION.

On New Year's Eve

FANCY DRESS PARTY

Theme "Christmas Carols"

Prizes for Best and Worst Outfit

Bar open until 12.30am

On New Year's Day

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

served from 10am.

Tickets available from the pub

£10 per head.