

ASHTON
Village News

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**ASHTON CHURCH
ANNUAL
CHEESE & WINE EVENING**

Wednesday 2 June at 7.45pm

at the

OLD RECTORY

£2.00 includes 1st glass of wine

ALL Welcome



**Donations of raffle prizes to
Mike and Antje Learoyd
at the Old Rectory please**

Ashton Gardens Walk

If anyone has any spare garden plants (in pots) to donate to the Ashton Garden Walks Plants Sales they would be appreciated.

Please contact Alan or Rose Sharp on 862 360

The Millennium in Ashton

At the invitation of Aston Parish Council, a Millennium group has been formed and has met already on a number of occasions. So far we have concentrated on a number of possible projects to mark the Millennium, rather than events that may take place to celebrate the year 2000. The projects which have been considered will be a permanent memorial to the Millennium and we are concentrating on them at first as they take both time and money to put in place.

On the subject of funding, we have applied to various official and semi-official bodies for Millennium grants. We have had no response at this point and, even assuming we are successful in securing some money, we will no doubt be involving the Ashton community to make up the balance, whatever it may be.

Clearly many people living in the village are interesting in knowing what has been done so far and also even to put forward their own ideas. We are therefore arranging a brief survey which is designed to both inform and to ask you for your input. A survey for your completion will be delivered to you during June.

Over the next six months we will be needing more and more help, particularly as we start planning events rather than projects. We hope there will be more volunteers.

Mike Learoyd - Chairman, Ashton Millennium Committee

Don't forget the

Ashton Gardens Walk

**Sunday
June 13th**



From 2.00 to 6.00pm
see the enclosed map

Ashton Church Fete

Saturday 17th July at the Rugby Club - 2.00pm

Car Boot Sale - Bouncy Castle - Quad Bikes

Balloon Man - Agricultural Antiques

White Elephant - Bottles - Plants - Books

Cakes - Raffle - Toys - Tombola

Sock Knitting Machine !!



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Parish Council News

Following the Elections on the 6th May the following were elected to the Parish Council: Bernard Day, Alan Sharp, Anne Sale, Lesley Godfrey, David Farrand. As reported in the previous AVN issue, Janet Roychoudhury is the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Annual General Meeting

The Parish Council AGM was held on the 11th May. The following posts were elected. **Chairman** : Bernard Day, **Financial Officer**: Janet Roychoudhury, **School Governor**: Bernard Day.

There were lively discussions on the following topics:

Ashton Composting scheme - Other areas in the county are to follow the composting scheme pilot run in Ashton, Hartwell and Stoke Bruerne.

Floods and Drainage - Some work has been done on clearing blocked drains and culverts. However more work still needs to be done.

Roads and Footpaths - The state of the roads and some footpaths is giving concern.

Skips - Two skips were to be placed in the village over the Bank Holiday, at Roade Hill and the entrance to Vale Farm.

Future of Schools in the Northampton Area - Due to the successful opposition by Ashton and surrounding villages, the proposed 'Deanshanger Scheme' has been shelved for the present.

Stonefield Holdings - The enforcement notices for tipping and the siting of the mobile home were discussed in some detail. The Parish Council were disappointed with the way the SNC had dealt with the planning irregularities on this site and had hoped for better results.

Buses - Some of the current services are to be cut in September.

Traffic Calming - There is no funding at present for traffic calming in Ashton. There was much discussion and proposing of other ideas.

Precept - The precept is to be increased this year to £3300, an increase of £300 over last year.

St Michael and All Angels Church

6th June	Holy Communion	8.15am
13th June	Holy Communion	8.15am
20th June	Family Service & Holy Communion	11.00am
27th June	Evensong	6.00pm

Cement Mixer for Hire

£10 per Weekend

Bernard Day
862 383

Ashton Gardens Walk

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Selected Gardens in Ashton Village
Open to the public

from 2.00 to 6.00 pm

Teas and Plant sales

Gardens and parking

identified with balloons

In aid of

Ashton Church and School

£2.50 per person - Children Free

**Ashton is 4 miles south
of M1 Junction 15**



Brief Description of Gardens Open:

- Garden 1 - Jane Freund (60 Stoke Road)** - Child friendly garden - Pets corner, with rabbits and guinea pigs, budgies and cockatiels
- Antique farm equipment
- Garden 2 - Pat Robertson & Alan Myles (Willow Corner, 55 Stoke Road)**
- Garden is ongoing project !! - Stream along one garden boundary
- Water features, terraced beds, lots of potted plants.
- Garden 3 - Bryan & Rosemary Skinner (Kassen, 8 Stoke Road)**
- Garden started in 1976 with 100 rose bushes. There are now over 380 rose bushes of all shapes and sizes, from before 1800 to the 1990's.
- Various bedding areas, trees, dense shrubbery, pond, waterfall and aquatic plants.
- Garden 4 - Andree Brown (Manor Farm House, 26 Roade Hill)**
- Large garden with fine mature trees, bedding plants, fuchsias, bog garden, ponds, herb garden, formal borders, wild garden.
>>> - **Teas and Toilet** facilities are available here.
- Garden 5 - Carole & David Broadhurst (Old Manor Farm House, 26A Roade Hill)**
- 3/4 acre of formal gardens, planted with herbaceous plants and shrubs, some of which are unusual. Small parterre garden and large lawn area. Numerous mature trees and several specimen trees. Plants have been chosen to encourage wildlife and the garden is maintained on organic principles.
- Garden 6 - Alan & Rosemary Sharp (Brook Cottage, 77 Hartwell Road)**
- 1/4 acre with steam and ponds, Currently being re-modelled to allow harmonious existence between gardeners and large dogs.
>>> - **Plants for sale.**
- Garden 7 - Janet & Jeffery Shepherd (22 Hartwell Road)** - Established over 5 years with a mixture of shrubs, perennials, annuals and climbers. Laid out in blocks of planting for both colour and seasonal flowers.
- Garden 8 - Dave & Dee Farrand (20 Hartwell Road)** - Small 'compact' garden. The front garden has 'evolved' over 20 years, the rear garden was re-developed two years ago. - Lots of interest, including Japanese garden, water features, rockery, clematis, shrubs, hostas, conifers, heathers etc.
- Garden 9 - Edward & Jan Willetts (Longcroft, 18 Roade Hill)** - Large garden with fruit trees and soft fruits - Child activities for all ages, with prizes !!

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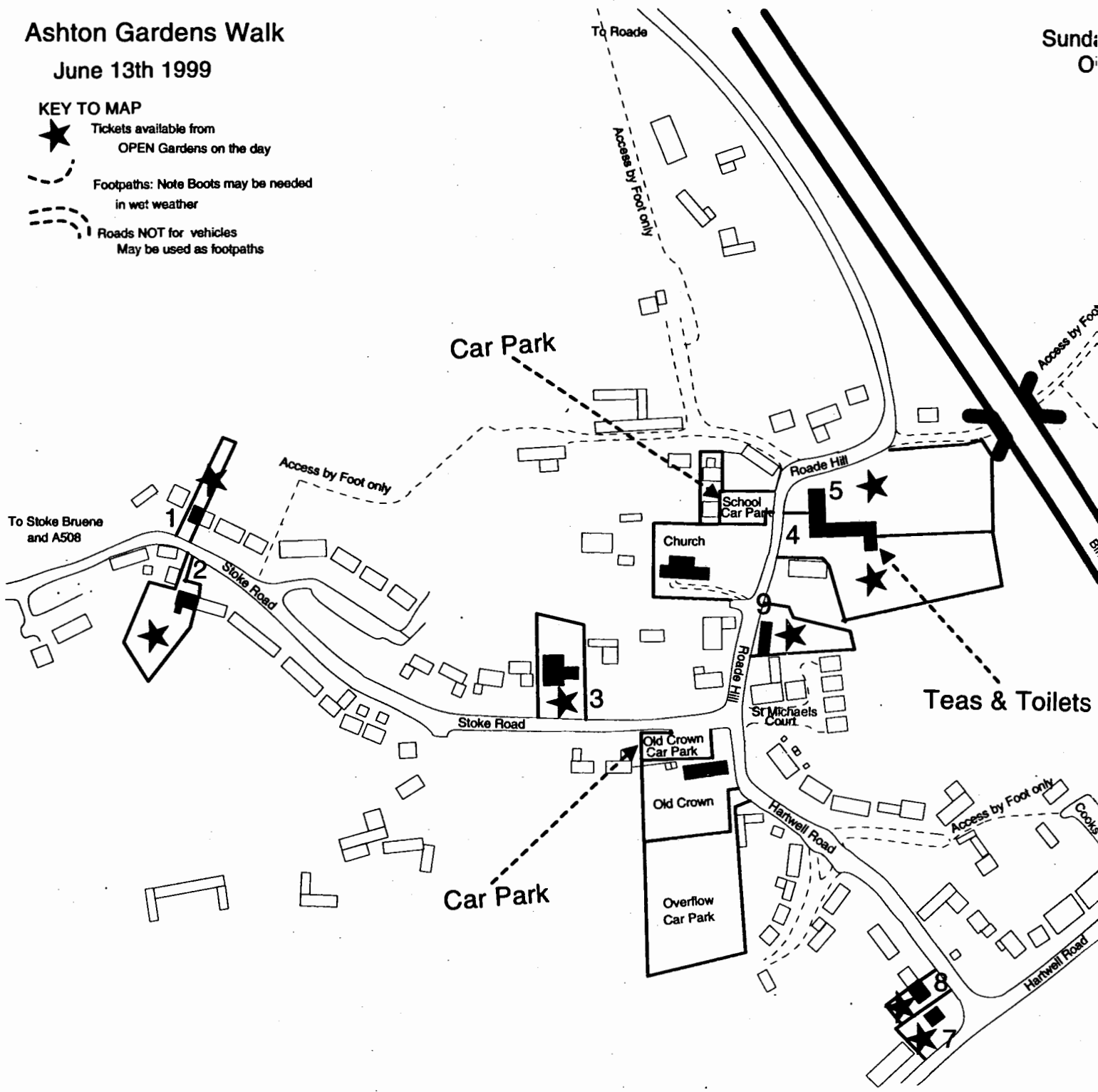
June 13th 1999

KEY TO MAP

★ Tickets available from
OPEN Gardens on the day

--- Footpaths: Note Boots may be needed
in wet weather

--- Roads NOT for vehicles
May be used as footpaths



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Sunday Lunches are available from the
OLD CROWN, booking advised.

