

District Council News - Stonefield Holding

Since being elected in May, what I have tried to do is to make the village aware of what is happening at Stonefield Holding and to give villagers a chance to express their views to the appropriate authorities.

At no time have I mentioned politics or made any personal comments at all. On August 10th I received a letter on House of Commons paper from our Member of Parliament, which I found out had been sent to everybody in Ashton on the electoral roll. The letter seemed to be a personal attack on me, totally uncalled for and without foundation. As a result I attended a meeting with our M.P. Tony Clarke, the Chairman of Ashton Parish Council and another member of our Parish Council. You will recall I stated in the last Ashton Village News that our M.P. was supporting Mr Jones, in writin, and that he had written to the planning Inspectorate accordingly. This letter written by the M.P. is a public document and available to any member of the public.

At the meeting, our M.P. stated that he regarded the entry in the village news as a personal and political attack on him, so he wrote the letter in retaliation and sent it to everyone in Ashton. The villagers who wrote to the Planning Inspectorate and indeed other villagers may be interested to know the outcome of the appeal.

The Inspector decided that Mr Jones appeal against the enforcement order be dismissed and stated that the mobile house be removed and the land re-instated back to agricultural useage, although Mr Jones has a right to appeal. I would like to thank the people of the village for the support given to me as a result of the M.P.s letter, in what is a totally non political issue.

M.Wilson
District Councillor

News from the Old Crown Inn

All Day Opening on Sundays

The Old Crown will be open for business all day on Sundays from 3rd October. This means we will be open at 12 noon and close at 10.30pm

November 5th - Bonfire Night

The annual Fireworks night will be held on November 5th in aid of Ashton School. There will be a Fireworks display and BBQ. Our Main Menu will be available after the fireworks.

1 st December - Christmas Menu

Our Christmas menu will be available from the 1st to the 23rd of December. Four Courses £14.95 - Two Courses £9.95

18th December - Race Night

Good fun for everybody on the 18th. Buy a horse or just try to pick the winners. Also why not try our 'Eagle Smooth' £1.00 per pint on the night.

24th December - Disco

In the Bar, Come and have a Boogie, 8pm till midnight.

New Years Eve Party

Party Tickets are now on sale behind the bar.

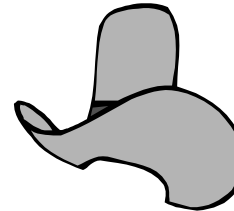
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Line Dancing Evening



with
**Bangers & Beans
& Spud (Jacket) Supper**



Friday October 22nd

8.00pm at Ashton Rugby Club

Western Dress Optional



Adults £5 Children £3.50

Tickets available from **Laura Coulson 864431**
Marion Wilson 864254

GUY FAWKES GALA



Friday 5th November

The OLD CROWN

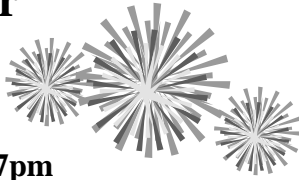
Ashton

Bonfire lit 6.15 Fireworks 7pm

BBQ

Admission: Adults £2 Children £1

Proceeds to Ashton School



Bonfire Building

From 10am Saturday October 30th

Please bring waste timber to the playing field behind the Old Crown.

Timber only please.

Bernard Day Tel 01604 862 383

Ashton Millennium Celebration

Do you know where you will be on the first day of the new Millennium? At 12 o'clock midday the church bells of Ashton will be rung in unison with all the church bells across the United Kingdom. Every villager of Ashton, Man, Woman, Child, visiting friends, absolutely everyone is invited to our Church at noon to celebrate the Millennium.

After the 'Millenium Peal', there will be a short family service, in which members of the village will participate, including some of our school children. The service will be followed by a celebratory gathering in the Church, in which drinks, beverages and light refreshments will be served.

Photographs that record this unique village occasion will be included in another Millenium project 'Ashton's Photographic Record of Village Life'.

So please make a date in your Diary for you and your family.

St Michael and All Angels Church - Ashton - 12.00 Noon - 1st January 2000

If you wish to contribute in any way, or have any queries, please contact
Carole Broadhurst
Old Manor Farm House, Roade Hill
862 333

Ashton Parish Council - Meeting

Rubbish Skips will be placed in Little Ashton and Stoke Road for the weekend of 13 / 14 November

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that **Dog Fouling** has become a problem again through out many parts of the village. We wish to remind Villagers that under the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996, it is an offence to allow dogs to foul in the village within the 30MPH signs. Offenders may face **finer up to £1000**.

Debbie Sheppard, Animal Welfare Officer, SNC (01327 322277) feels most strongly about this problem and may carry out early morning and late evening patrols to catch irresponsible dog owners. Note that an offender has been caught by the Dog warden - So remember you have been warned. Poop Scoops are available from SNC at £1.00 for 100 scoops.

Peter Coulson (864 214) has agreed to take over responsibility as Ashton **Footpath Warden**. Dave and Dee Farrand (863 225) will continue as assistant footpath wardens.

The **Next meeting** of the Parish Council is on Monday 8th November, 7.30 at the Rugby Club. If a member of the Village wishes to raise any points with the Parish Council, please contact Bernard Day or the Clerk well before the next meeting.

There will be a temporary **Road Closure** between the Memorial Green on the Ashton Road, Roade and the top of Roade Hill at Ashton from 8am on Monday 1st November until 5 pm on Friday 5th November. This is to allow East Midland Electricity to carry out overhead cable work.

The Appeal held recently regarding the siting of a house at **Stonefield Holdings** has been rejected. An order to remove the house by the 7th December has been placed on the owner. The Result of a second hearing regarding the tipping of waste material at the same site is due shortly.

Ashton CE Primary School

You may have noticed that the roof is on the school extension and we are hoping to have the project completed in November. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those of you who have supported our fund raising activities by attending events and giving generously.

I would also like to thank Dene Warren for structural engineering services and to our architect Ian Carvin (ex parent) for doing the work at cost.

You may remember the school originally wanted to have some community use for our new room and was prepared to initiate the very complex regulations regarding health and safety (with public use of the building) and financial management to do this. We canvassed opinion within the village including an open evening and received a negative response to this idea. Planning permission was submitted and obtained for educational and school use only.

We are having an official opening when completed and are looking forward to inviting all our friends and supporters to this event, marking a new era for the school.

Robyn Wisbey, Head Teacher

Coffee Mornings at the Old Crown

Thanks to Chris and Steph at the Old Crown, we are able to hold coffee mornings throughout the winter months again. Make a note of the dates and come along and join us:

Tuesday November 2nd & Tuesday December 7th
from 10.00 to 11.30 am
Coffee and Biscuits £1 - Raffle - Bring and Buy - Cakes

Everyone welcome, young and old. Until Christmas the proceeds will be shared between the Church and the William Humphrey Memorial Fund.