

ASHTON

Village News

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POST OFFICE TO OPEN SOON

Robin and Eileen Legg at the Old Crown have been given the go-ahead for a Post Office facility which will be starting in early March. Posters will be put up around the village to announce the starting date. The Post Office will be open on Monday and Thursday from 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock. The service will include everything apart from Girobank.

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

On 18 December 1992 at the SNDC Council Chamber in Towcester, David and I attended the Council meeting as observers at which the Local Plan was discussed and voted upon. We were loaned a copy of the Consultation Draft document which contained over 1000 items on each aspect of the County Plan ranging from applications for large numbers of dwellings in Towcester and Brackley to the names of each resident of Ashton who sent in a letter.

The response from the SNDC to the Shankland Cox application was as follows

"There is no justification in terms of the strategic housing provision for designating Ashton as a Limited Development Village. Furthermore a survey of the village has been carried out which resulted in overwhelming support for Ashton to remain as a Restricted Infill Village. NO CHANGE".

Ashton was the first item to be discussed by the Council when the meeting resumed after lunch. A member of the SNDC described the response to the development application stating that 94 letters were received AGAINST the development and 2 FOR the development. He mentioned the Parish Council survey noting that the results were 20 FOR and 152 AGAINST. The Council voted for Restricted Infill status to be retained.

THE VILLAGE GREEN IN HARTWELL ROAD

At the Parish Council meeting in September 1992 (reported in AVN Issue 3) it was suggested that the Village Green in Hartwell Road could be used for car parking. Council Chairman, Tim Davis, explained to the Council meeting on 6 January that Mr C P Topping of Orchard House now owns the whole of the Village Green.

The Village Green was registered in 1980 by the Parish Council. Mr Clayton, who lived at that time at 21 Hartwell Road, contested ownership in 1984 and it was decided that he owned the area encompassed by hedges, leaving the triangular section owned by the Parish Council.

Tim Davis learned recently from the SNDC that Mr Clayton and his solicitors contested the decision at a later date and he became owner of the whole of the Green. Mr Topping has purchased the Green to prevent any development from taking place.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A Parish Council meeting was held at the School on Wednesday 6 January 1993. The meeting was attended by Council members together with Councillor Berry, PC Malkin and PC Skerritt.

NOTICE BOARD - Permission has been received from SNDC to place a notice board in Little Ashton but it will not be erected until the Anglia Water Authority have completed their pipe laying.

PARKING PLACES - SNDC were contacted about parking places near the sharp bend on Stoke Road. However SNDC came back with permission for 'blip' parking bays taking up space on the existing highway which is obviously unacceptable in this area. The Parish Council are therefore resubmitting an application for parking bays alongside the road.

CHEVRONS - Chevrons are to be installed on the dangerous bend at the bottom of Roade Hill where two cars recently crashed through the stone wall.

LOCAL PLAN - The Chairman of the Parish Council, Tim Davis, summarised the event so far with regard to the SNDC Local Plan. Based on the outcome of the Council Meeting described on page 1, the District Council is developing a revised version which is due in early March and the Parish Council will receive a copy. There will be a period of six weeks to submit changes. Mr Strugnell of the District Council suggests that Ashton Parish Council resubmit their views.

SEWAGE OUTFLOW - The problem of sewage outflow after heavy rain on the sharp bend in Stoke Road is at last being investigated. Recently a technician sent down a video camera to examine the pipe and will be reporting the results of his investigations to the Parish Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PC Malkin described the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to the recent Parish Council meeting. If a scheme is adopted in Ashton, it was suggested that the village would need to be split into 3 areas; Stoke Road, Hartwell Road and Roade Hill. PC Malkin explained that Ashton's main problem is "passing crime" committed by people travelling through the village and that Neighbourhood Watch signs act as a deterrent.

He noted that David Farrand is willing to act as co-ordinator for the village. If anyone is interested in helping to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Ashton, they can get in touch with David on 863225.

WARNING FROM PC MALKIN

Our Community Village Policeman, PC Malkin, has asked AVN to let residents know about a potential problem in the area. Men have been calling at homes offering to do building work and resurfacing of drives. There have been a number of unpleasant incidents. The problem is confined to a small number of workmen. If you have any suspicions about someone carrying out this type of work, please contact PC Malkin on 0604 700700.

KATIE MARIE STRESS & CANCER SURVIVAL CHARITY

Peter Coulson wishes to thank all those who attended Bill's funeral on 14 January 1993 at Milton Crematorium.

Peter is working with the KMS&CSC which offers group and individual counselling for cancer victims, their family and friends, together with holistic and complementary therapies for stress and cancer. Anyone who requires help in coping with stress or cancer can phone a 24 hour help-line on Northampton 36838.

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MARGERY FISHER

Margery Fisher of Ashton Manor died on 24 December 1992 at the age of 79 and a funeral service was held on 4 January 1993 at Ashton Church.

Mrs Fisher played an active part in Ashton village life. She was the first President of the Ashton Women's Institute in 1952 and also served as Chairman of the Parish Council, Secretary of the Charity Trustees and Secretary of the Recreation Room Committee. She was also a member of the Parochial Church Council and a School Manager.

To quote the Daily Telegraph, Mrs Fisher "was one of the century's greatest experts on children's books". She encouraged the children in the village to read and many Ashtoners remember visiting Mrs Fisher's home to loan books from her vast collection of literature for children.

ASHTON PARISH CHURCH

The 10.30am service in February will be on Sunday 21st and will be Holy Communion with hymns.

In March there will be a Family Service on Mothering Sunday 21st at 10.30am (not 6 o'clock this year). We hope very much that this will be supported by all Ashton families.

On Thursday 25 March at 7.45pm, there will be the annual Wine and Cheese party at the Old Rectory, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Learoyd. Tickets will be on sale beforehand from members of the Church Council and will also be available at the door. This is always a most enjoyable evening and we look forward to seeing all our friends. (see page 4)

SPRING BULBS for the SUMMER GARDEN

On a dreary January day there is nothing more pleasant than to sit and dream of a warm summer day in the garden surrounded by a colourful and exotic display of flowers. To create this dream is really quite simple with spring planted bulbs.

In addition to the normal gladioli, lilies and dahlias, there are a number of unusual and lesser known bulbs that provide a succession of display throughout the summer and in some cases well on until the first autumn frosts.

ACIDANTHERA is sweetly scented with distinctive star-like flowers and narrow gladiolus-like foliage and will keep a breath of spring hovering in the garden from August into October.

GALTONIA candicans is the botanical name for the "summer hyacinth" or "spire lily" which grows to 2 - 4 ft in height with strap-like leaves and sweetly-scented pure white flowers making it an ideal candidate for the back of borders or for planting amongst shrubs.

TIGRIDA which are often called "peacock tiger" or "Mexican shell flower" originate from the mountains of Mexico and South America. These most spectacular of summer flowering corms produce stems of 6-10 inches with up to 6 flowers on each stem in orange scarlet spotted deep crimson.

ZEPHYRANTHES, sometimes known as "Zephyr lilies" or "rain lilies" are native of both North and South America and can be grown in most gardens in a warm sunny position if protected in winter. They should be planted in April at about 4 in deep with plenty of leaf mould and some sand.

You will find that a very wide choice and selection of summer flowering bulbs are now available in local nurseries and garden centres. There is no reason why Ashton should not be a blaze of colour this summer. Could it be that we will soon be entering the "Britain in Bloom" competition?

**OLD CROWN
ASHTON**

**FRIDAY
12 FEBRUARY
8 O'CLOCK**

**Traditional Irish Folk Band
RAPSCALLION**

CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

**MICHAEL LEAROYD
OLD RECTORY
ASHTON**

TEL: 862415

**THURSDAY 25 MARCH 93
AT 7.45pm**

**£1.50p admission
(includes free glass of wine)
Wine 50p per glass**

**In aid of Ashton Church
St Michael and All Angels**

Raffle

**(we would welcome presents for raffle
prizes)**

All welcome

**We would like to beat last year's total
of £200**

CARPENTER/JOINER

**Fitted and free standing furniture for
domestic or commercial use.**

**KITCHENS, BEDROOMS, DESKS,
DISPLAY CASES, MIRRORS, etc, etc**

Please ring 862344 for any inquiry

We are here to help

CONTACTS in ASHTON

Listed below are some of possible contact points that may be useful

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

**COMMUNITY POLICEMAN
PC MALKIN**

700700

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
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