

Just in time for Christmas

## ASHTON APPRAISAL

The LAST FEW copies of the APPRAISAL published in 1996 are available at **£3.00p**. This special book has over 100 pages of photographs and information about life in Ashton. Profits from the sale of the Ashton Appraisal will go to Ashton Millennium Projects.

## ASHTON INTERNET SITE

We have now registered our own Internet site at

[www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

The new site is under construction but will be ready for Christmas. Those of you who are having new computers for Christmas, log on and have a browse. Send us a Christmas message via the e-mail address you will find on the site.

## Ashton Millennium Year 2000 Calendar

**Tuesday 14 December** is your last chance to order one of our special calendars. These unique and beautiful calendars would make ideal gifts for the family. Seven high quality colour photographs of Ashton today are contrasted with six black and white photographs of bygone Ashton. The calendar is mounted in a frame and is protected by glass.

Two options are available:-

**10" x 13"** suitable to stand or to hang on the wall - priced at **£10.00p**

**13" x 16"** to hang on the wall - priced at **£15.00p**

Contact Dave and Dee Farrand for further information. Profits from the sale of Calendars will go towards Ashton Millennium Projects.

## Ashton Village News 50th Issue - our first issue was June 1992

"If every AVN was placed end to end, they would reach from Ashton almost to Junction 15 of the motorway!" Dave and Dee would like to thank all who have helped the AVN with sponsorship funds and newsletter articles over the last 50 issues.

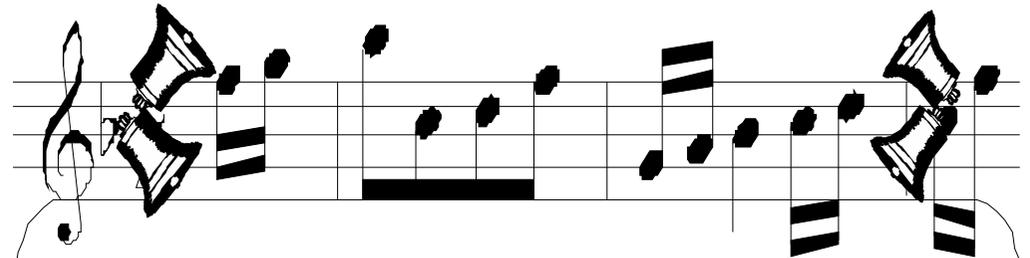
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## Ashton Millennium Celebration Party

St Michael and All Angels Church

12.00 noon on 1st January 2000

Everyone who is in Ashton at this time is invited.

Villagers, Children, Friends and Family who are visiting,

ALL are welcome.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served from 12.45pm



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## Ashton Millennium Celebrations

Preparations for our 'Millennium Celebration' on 1st January 2000 are well under way. An invitation for every villager is hot off the press as I write and will be sent out in the next few days. So please remember

Millenium Peal	12.00 noon
Family Service	approx 30 minutes
Party in Church	12.45pm onwards



Enthusiasm for this unique village event is beginning to surface. Many people have already offered their time and donations have started to materialise. For example, we have a fine keg of 'Ashton Millennium Best Bitter', a Christmas tree, lights and decorations. Would anyone who wishes to contribute in whatever form; greenery for the church, home cooked goodies, wine, drinks for the children or straightforward cash, please contact any of the numbers listed below.

The church has already been redecorated and thoroughly cleaned, but we need volunteers to help arrange flowers on 18th December. The church will be open from 10.00am. If anyone would like a specific area of the church in which to be creative, this can easily be arranged. If you are unable to help but would like to donate greenery or flowers, please ring Carole or Marion.

Finally if any of our senior residents need a lift to and from the church, we offer a chauffeur service (862333).

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Ashton Millennium Group to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all at St Michael and All Angels Church at 12.00 noon on January 1st 2000.

### Carole Broadhurst

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	Carole Broadhurst	862333

## Draft Register of Electors 2000

A draft copy of the Register of Electors 2000 is available for inspection in Ashton. It is being held by Janet Roychoudhury (Clerk of Ashton Parish Council). The details in the register should be for electors living at the address on the qualifying date of 10 October 1999. Anyone who has moved in since that date should be registered at their old address. Requests for alterations or objections to entries must be made by 16 December 1999. If you have any comments or queries contact the Electoral Services Office on 01327 322322 ext 2121.

## Ashton Millennium Photographic Project

As part of the millennium celebrations and activities, an Ashton Millennium Photographic Project has been created. The aim of the project is to create a photographic record of **all** the events in Ashton throughout the year 2000. The record is not to be restricted to just the 'key' events but to all the ordinary ones that fill our daily lives, that become so valuable as time passes as we all know when we look at old photographs. For example births, birthdays, sporting events, marriages, gardening projects, DIY, snow, to name just a few.

To create this record we need the participation and involvement of you. A small group has already been created to manage the 'photographers' and the photographs (contact details below). We require assistance to ensure that as many images as possible are created. Whether you are a budding David Bailey or just about know one end of a camera from the other we want your contribution. We can supply film and processing facilities so the cost is only your time. For those without cameras we can provide one!

If you have taken a photograph that you would like to be included, but wish to retain the original, we have the facility to make a copy quickly. This facility is also being used to archive old photographs.

The long-term aim is to publish a book using selected photographs from this project, to create a CD-ROM with all the images, which will also include all the old photographs, and to make the images available on the Internet.

To offer your assistance in this Project please contact Jeremy (864306) or David (863225). Many thanks.

Coming in February -

A Barn Dance to Corybantics  
at the Ashton Rugby Club.

Book the date now - Friday 25 February.

Tickets £5 (to include supper) available late January.

Ring Marion on 864254 or Sue on 864293 for more details or to book your tickets.

## Guy Fawkes Gala

Ashton Parents Association raised over £900 and would like to thank all who helped and all who attended.

We are grateful to contributors of materials for the bonfire especially Safepac of Woodford Halse. We are indebted to James and Richard Arrowsmith for lending the forklift. Finally to Dennis Radford for making a major contribution to the fireworks, Derek Neal for building the bonfire and Peter Rudkin for ignition.

## District Council News

### Stonefield Holding, H Jones

Villagers will recall that recently there were two Enforcement Orders against Mr Jones and his activities at Stonefield Holding; one by South Northants Council and one by Northants County Council. Mr Jones appealed against both these but in each case he lost.

The Order brought by South Northants Council concerned the siting of a mobile home and the fact that no planning permission existed. Mr Jones has now formally applied to the Council for permission to site his home on Stonefield Holding. Villagers will no doubt wish to express their views and they should write to :-

The Planning Department  
Sout Northants Council  
Council Offices  
Springfields  
Towcester NN12 6AE

Any letters should reach the Council before 31 December 1999. The reference is Application No S991200P. The plans can be viewed at the Council Offices if anyone wishes to see them.

### Other News

The County Structure Plan which deals with residential and commercial development in the County is under review, but as yet is not finalised. I will keep the village informed as things progress.

**M Wilson, District Councillor**

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## Vehicular Access Grants

South Northamptonshire Council has recently extended the list of areas that qualify for grants under a scheme to provide vehicular access across the public footpath to a driveway within a property boundary. A maximum grant of £250 is available to private residents.

The area in Ashton qualifying for this grant is Hartwell Road (Nos 37 to 59). There is an information leaflet available from the Council's Design Services Section (direct line - 01327 322350). Application forms are also available from Design Services.

## Coffee Mornings

The December coffee morning was another happy occasion and a great success. £142 was raised which again was shared between the Church and the William Humphrey Memorial Fund. This brought the total raised for each charity over the last 3 months to about £190. Thanks to everybody who came and especially to the Humphrey family for their help and contributions.

Coffee mornings for 2000 will be on  
Tuesday January 11  
Tuesday February 8      all from 10 to 11.30am  
Tuesday March 7  
Tuesday April 4

Please note, they are not all on the first Tuesday of the month but will all be at the Old Crown (courtesy of Chris and Steph) and will have the usual bring & buy, raffle and cake stall.

## Ashton Charity Fields

At this time of year, senior citizens in Ashton receive a sum of money towards their heating bills from the Ashton Charity Fields. The charity has been in existence since the early 1800s and derives its income from the rental of two fields alongside Hartwell Road. If any senior citizens are not benefitting from the Charity, would they please get in touch with George Bailey (Chairman of the Charity) on 864516.

## THE ASHTON SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION



**Cordially invite all of the Senior Citizens of Ashton Village to join us at the School for afternoon Tea & Cakes on Monday 13th December at 2pm**

**You will be served these by the children of the school.  
The children will also entertain you with some Christmas Carols.  
Please come along and join us for this free afternoon.**

# Ashton Village Group and Ashton Millennium Committee

There has been a great deal of confusion between the two Groups which currently exist in the village. This letter is to help explain the difference and clarify the situation.

## Ashton Village Group

As many of you will know, the Fete which happens each July at the Rugby Club has traditionally been the Church Fete. However, two years ago the Parents Association of the school was approached to see if they would like to assist in the organisation and share the proceeds. This proved a very successful combination, not only because it generated increased income for both organisations, but more importantly because it promoted a great sense of community spirit and a wonderful atmosphere. In addition there have been further joint fund raising activities, which have again assisted in raising funds for the two bodies.

Last August the group that had been arranging the Fund-raising made a decision that in order to increase the amount of help needed to organise these activities, it should become an independent body (rather than just the Church and School) and the activities should raise money to benefit the community as a whole. A letter was inserted in the Ashton Village Newsletter asking people to help and several villagers have now offered to help out in various ways.

The aim of the Village Group is twofold:

1. To organise events and functions within the village, for the benefit of the community.
2. To raise funds to support the above.

It was decided that in order to continue with the community spirit, not all activities should be solely for the purpose of raising funds for the Church and the School. An example would be to raise money to provide Gifts for every pensioner at Christmastide. Money would continue to be raised for both school and church, however at the same time there still continue to be individual fundraising e.g. the Bonfire Night organised by the Parents Association for the benefit of the school.

Any fundraising activity in the village would clearly denote for what purpose the funds raised will be used.

## Ashton Millennium Committee

This was formed to look at ways for Ashton Village to commemorate this once in a lifetime occasion and to this end all the villagers were asked to complete a questionnaire to determine what the people would like to see as a permanent reminder of the year 2000.

The results of the survey have been gathered and everyone will shortly receive a letter detailing what the Millennium Committee has been able to obtain in the way of Grants, etc, towards marking the occasion.

Anything done in the village to mark the Millennium will cost a considerable amount of money. In order to start raising funds for the projects, a Calendar is now on sale, the profits from which will go to the Millennium Fund (which is entirely separate from the Village Group Funds). The Village Group as an independent body, will however be organising events to assist in raising funds for Millennium projects.

**Sue Mallock**

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## News from the Old Crown Inn

**18 December** - RACE NIGHT Good fun for everyone on the 18th December.  
Buy a horse or just try to pick the winners.  
Also why not try our 'Eagle Smooth'  
at £1.00 per pint on the night.

**24 December** - DISCO in the Bar : 8.00pm till Midnight  
Come and have a boogie

**25 December** - Lunch Time : 12 noon to 2.00pm

**26 December** - Lunch Time : 12 noon to 2.30pm

**31 December** - PARTY Time : 7.00pm to !!!!!

Tickets only £39.99

This covers all Drinks, Hot and Cold Buffet,  
Free bottle of Champagne, Firework Display  
and Disco.

**1st January** - Evening : 7.00pm to 11.00pm



## Ashton - Then and Now



The view left shows more detail of the centre of Ashton. The photograph was taken over the wall of the Tithe barn field which was used in the summer for the Ashton Village Fete. Do any remember the last fete (about the mid 1960's?). The Old Crown pub seems to have been built right up to the road in those days.

Does anyone know when it was changed? During the 1960's and early 1970's many changes were made in the village in this area. The barn to the right of the horse and cart came down to extend the Old Crown car park. The barn to the left was brought down and the 'New' village shop was built, now replaced by the entrance to St Michaels Court.

## The same view now



We would like to thank Andrew Fowler for loaning us his collection of Old Ashton Photographs and Postcards (the two old photos are from his collection).

We hope to have a regular feature of 'Ashton, Then and Now'. If anyone has old views of Ashton, we would appreciate the opportunity to make copies for an Ashton Archive we are creating.

For more information contact Dave Farrand 863225

## An Ashton view about 100 years ago



Do you recognise this view of Ashton (we believe about 100 years ago) ? The local farmer is bringing his horse and cart back to Home Farm (just around the corner) after a busy day in the fields along the Bozenham Mill road. A clue for some may be the unusual tiled tops to the brick pier fence posts surrounding the cottage in the centre of the picture. These were only covered up a few years ago with a stone wall. The remains of some of the bricks can still be seen.

Some thoughts for the New Year from the works of Dr Charles Swindoll.

### Attitude is Everything

**“ Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.**

**The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.**

**I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you... We are in charge of our attitudes.“**

