

Vandalism in Ashton - Again

Over the last few weeks a number of major incidents of vandalism were reported in the Village.

A number of very **young children** were discovered playing in the Vale Farm Barns. Many bales of hay were damaged. Parents should not allow their children to play in the farm as it can be a most dangerous place. The owner is most concerned that a child may be injured or even killed while playing on farm premises.

A large **Cap Stone** was forced from its pillar at the entrance to Vale Farm House drive (Stoke Road). It fell damaging the gate mechanism. This act could have injured any person caught under the falling stone.

Garden walls along Hartwell road opposite the Old Crown were damaged and the stones scattered across the road, damaging cars as they ran over them.

A **Car** was badly damaged in Hartwell Road when its doors and body panels were kicked in and glass smashed.

Would anyone who has information regarding the above or any other matters, please contact the Daventry Police on 700 700 and ask for the Daventry Control Room.

Ashton January 1st Celebration

Over 200 people gathered at Ashton Church for the January Millenium Celebration Party, despite hangovers from the night before. A great time was had by all who attended. We would like to thank all those who gave their time and effort to make the Celebration such a success.

ASHTON VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Just a few copies of this book of Ashton are left.

Ashton life in the present and life in the past !!! This special book has over 100 pages of photographs and information about Ashton.

Contact Dave Farrand on 863225

Sale Price £3.00

The profits from the sale of this book go to Ashton Millennium projects.

ASHTON Millennium Calendar

Almost half the village has purchased the special Ashton calendar.

If there are any who would like to place a final order, please contact Dave Farrand on 863225

The profits from the sale of the Calendars go to Ashton Millennium projects.

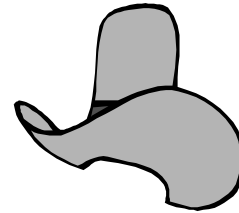
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Ashton
Rugby Club



Friday 25 February 7.45 for 8.00pm



Music by the Corybantics



Adults £5 -- Children (over 5 years) £3.50 -- includes Supper !!!

Tickets available from Marion Wilson 864254

Ringling for the New Millennium at Ashton Church

As part of the nationwide Millennium celebrations, the bells at Ashton Church were rung at noon for five minutes on New Year's Day. This was the culmination of extra practice evenings held in Ashton on a Monday evening, under the watchful eye of Jean Tipler who is the Tower Captain at Roade.

The band consisted of:

Treble	Marion Wilson
2	Helen Rudkin
3	Heidi Freund
4	Shirley Higginbottom
Tenor	Janet Roychoudhury

All the band members have community and personal associations with Ashton.

It has been decided to keep up our Monday practice night (7pm to 7.30pm). We are always looking for new members for our band (minimum age is 12 years old). If you wish to have a go, you would be most welcome. For further details please contact Janet Roychoudhury on 864306 or Marion Wilson on 864254

Ashton Traffic Calming

Parish Poster Boards are to be provided by the Northamptonshire County Council Road Safety Centre. These eye catching boards will be erected throughout the village and will be displayed for a 2 week period. The idea of the boards is to make drivers more aware of their speed throughout the village.

Cameras will be watching you

24 new speed cameras are to be installed in Northampton and surrounding villages. This pilot scheme is to be launched in April and is designed to catch 75,000 speeding motorists each year. It is expected to save 98 people from road accidents each year. The scheme, costing £1.2 million each year to run, is expected to be self financing with fines paying its costs. 12 permanent cameras will be installed at sites with a 'Proven History' of accidents caused by speeding. The A508 at Roade is to be one of the sites. Mobile cameras will also be used throughout the county.

Allied Medicare Towcester

Home Care Staff Wanted Urgently. Call in and talk to us at the Job Centre between 10.00 and 3.00pm. We can offer you - Hours to suit yourself, Weekly Pay, Holiday Pay, Travel Allowances and Study Days.

For further information call Ann Webb on **01604 639263**

Ashton Parish Council meeting - Monday 17th January 2000

Traffic Calming - The NCC would consider the Parish Council request and would report back if the request is successtul. Parish Speed Boards are available from The Road Safety Centre. There is no charge and 8 boards have been requested.

Ashton Lodge - The Clerk had written to NCC requesting that a weight limit could be imposed in Ashton. NCC replied that our request has been refused. The planning application for the change of use of the buildings at Ashton Lodge would be going to SNC planning committee at the end of January.

Stonefield Holding - Bernard Day had spoken with CPRE who will write to SNC to support the views of Ashton Parish Council. It was agreed that a synopsis of what has happened at the site over previous years should be written and sent to all members of the SNC Planning Committee prior to the Committee date. The tipping enforcement notice was discussed, as removal had not yet taken place.

Planning - The adoption of the road at St. Michael's Court was discussed. The Parish Council will wait to hear from NCC Environment Directorate and the developer. If no action is taken by end of January, the Parish Council will request that NCC adopt the road.

Any Other Business

Access to Rectory Cottage, Hartwell Road was discussed. There are on-going problems with car parking.

SNC Vehicular Access Grants - Vehicular Access grants (max £250) are available to residents living in Nos. 37 to 59 Hartwell Road, Ashton.

Urban Highway Grass Mowing for Ashton was discussed.

Footpath Stiles - The Parish Council has received a letter from Mrs Wilson concerning the condition of some of the stiles in Ashton.

Street Lighting - A tree is still obscuring the street lamp at the entrance to Vale Farmhouse when travelling along Stoke Road from the Old Crown Inn direction. Concern was also expressed about trees obscuring streetlights in the area of the Jitty.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at The Men's Own Rugby Club on Monday 13 March 2000 at 7.30pm.

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 next date and come along and join us. Everyone welcome, young and old.

Tuesday March 7th from 10.00 to 11.30 am
Coffee and Biscuits £1 - Raffle - Bring and Buy - Cakes

We would like to thank Chris and Steph who will be leaving the Old Crown this weekend and wish them well at their new pub.