

ASHTON

Village News

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NEW LIBRARY IN ROADE

A presentation was given at the Parish Council AGM by Ann Petrie and Nick Matthews of the Library Service.

A Library will open in Roade in mid May 93 and will be open 3 days a week.

TUESDAY from 10 until 5

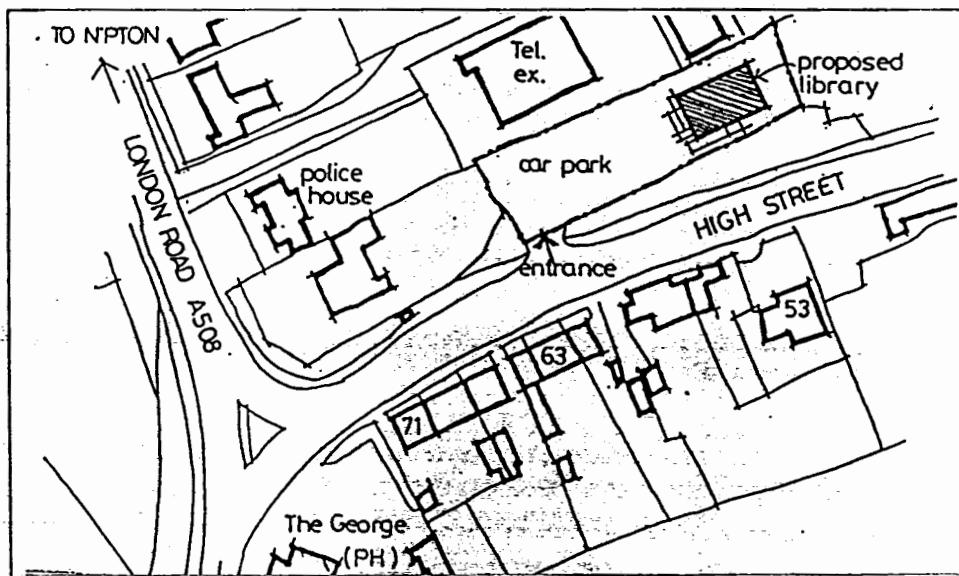
THURSDAY from 2 until 5

FRIDAY from 2 until 7

Books can be loaned for up to 3 weeks.

The library is located on the site previously occupied by Allens the builders merchants. The facilities include books for adults and children, a computerised information service, tables and chairs. There will not be enough room to include records, compact discs and tape cassettes.

As Ashton is within a 1.5 mile radius of the new library, the Mobile Library Service will cease on 18 May 93. This will be replaced by a Housebound Readers Service with books and talking books being delivered by volunteers who will be paid for petrol.



SPONSORED BY ROBIN & EILEEN LEGG

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 31 March 1993 in Ashton School.

TRAFFIC

As well as the chevrons which are to be installed at the bottom of Roade Hill, the ASHTON village signs are to have "PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY" signs added to them.

BUS SERVICE

Northampton Department of Transport and Milton Keynes City buses have told the Parish Council that there is no truth in the current rumours that are worrying some village residents. The bus service is to continue and Senior Citizens passes will not be required. The bus stop in Little Ashton will be repaired by Anglian Water in the near future. Signs will soon be erected on all bus stops in the village.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

PC Malkin has advised that Neighbourhood Watch will be beneficial to the village and the Parish Council has a list of residents who expressed an interest in taking part in the scheme.

VANDALISM

There have been several incidents in the village recently involving damage to walls, trees and the village phone box, excessive litter and stone throwing. PC Malkin has been informed and will be dealing with the problem.

RE-CYCLING BINS

Within the next couple of months, re-cycling bins will be sited in the Old Crown car park. The brewery have given permission and Robin and Eileen Legg have agreed to the proposal.

POST OFFICE AND PUB GARDEN

As the new Post Office is operating from the premises of the Old Crown Inn, attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no insurance cover for use of the Pub Garden out of opening hours. When queuing for postal services, please make sure that your children do not wander into the garden.

SKIPS

Skips will be placed in the village on 10 April and 29 May. On 10 April they will be located at Vale Farm entrance and at Stoke Road Green. On 29 May the bins will be at Roade Hill and in Little Ashton.

STOKE ROAD PARKING

The Chairman stated that PC Malkin has been informed and will be dealing with the problem of cars parking too close to the dangerous bend.

YOUTH CLUB

Mrs Godfrey told the meeting that there are several volunteers interested in supervising a Youth Club but there is no suitable venue. The Men's Own Club is considered to be too large.

NOTICE BOARD

I must apologise to the residents of Little Ashton. At the last Parish Council meeting the chairman reported that planning permission had been given for a new notice board. I wrote that the notice board was destined for Little Ashton when in fact it is to be erected on Stoke Road Green. If the residents of Little Ashton would like a notice board in their part of the village, they need to write to the Parish Council.

LOCAL DRIVER MAKES WINNING START TO RACING SEASON

Brian Sale drove his Rover Vitesse to a three second victory over ten laps in the Slick 50 Road Saloon Championship at Mallory Park on 21 March.

At Castle Combe on 29 March Brian missed first place by just one hundredth of a second.

Brian works on his car at Ashton ably supported by family and friends.

All types of motor racing are expensive and Brian is looking for sponsorship to help with entrance fees and maintenance costs.

SNC'S LOCAL PLAN

The Policy and Projects Section of the South Northamptonshire Council has amended the Local Plan based on the changes approved at the special meeting held on 18 December 1992.

A draft Deposit version of the Plan is likely to be placed before the Planning and Development Committee at its meeting on 15 April 1993. When approved, the Plan will be sent to the County Council for a "Statement of Conformity" with the County Structure Plan.

Following this, the Plan will be placed on Deposit and a further opportunity will be available for everybody to make representations.

The Deposit period will run for approximately 8 weeks and is likely to commence at the end of May 1993.

(from SNC Parish Analysis Issue No 2 Spring 1993)

EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY WORK

A notice from the South Northamptonshire Council indicates that EME are planning to carry out the undergrounding of overhead wires in Ashton starting in May 93 and continuing for about 4 weeks.

The contact person for questions on this work is R Tarry on (0604) 595462. The EME's telephone number is (0604) 752345.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SERVICE

Volunteer drivers are needed to help transport people to medically related appointments. Petrol costs are reimbursed at the current rate. Insurance companies accept voluntary driving schemes.

If you would like to help, please contact KATE SAUL on TOWCESTER 51716 for more information.

This service takes people who have no transport of their own to and from medically related appointments in areas where the bus service is inadequate. The service covers more than 20 parishes around Towcester and provides journeys within that area, within the county or even further. A charge is made towards the drivers petrol costs.

For voluntary transport, please contact KATE SAUL on TOWCESTER 51716. Please allow 3 to 4 days notice.

POST OFFICE NOW OPEN

The Post Office started on 1 April 93 at the Old Crown Inn.

The opening time are **MONDAY 0900 - 1200** **THURSDAY 0900 - 1200**

The Post Office handles all services apart from Girobank.

THE OLD CROWN INN

GOOD FRIDAY 9 APRIL

A BEER AND BUN RACE

around the village

starts at 1230

(COMPETITORS MUST BE OVER 18)

Prize:

A MEAL FOR TWO

AT THE OLD CROWN

SUNDAY 11 APRIL

AN EASTER EGG HUNT

for the children

starts at 12 o'clock

A PRIZE FOR THE CHILD

WHO COLLECTS THE MOST EGGS

BARBEQUE

every WEEKEND in SUMMER

(weather permitting)

FRIDAY 16 APRIL

RAPSCALLION

are back

TRADITIONAL IRISH FOLK BAND

starts at 8 o'clock

CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

The party held at the Old Rectory on Thursday 25 March 93 was a great success. Mr Learoyd tells us that the party was attended by 90 people from Ashton, Hartwell and Roade who generously contributed over £300 for Church Funds. Mr Learoyd wishes to express his gratitude for the superb raffle prizes and looks forward to another successful party next year.

CONTACTS in ASHTON

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

SCHOOL :

PARENTS ASN	Sandra Nottley	863172
GOVERNORS	Alan Sharp	862360

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

COMMUNITY POLICEMAN

PC MALKIN		700700
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