

## News on Network Rail from Martin Wilson

I have received a number of phone calls over the last few days with reference to the latest developments regarding Network Rail and their activities so I thought it would be useful to attempt to summarise the latest position.

I received a letter dated 15 May from the Community Relations Manager, Pam Gillam, who you may recall attended both meeting held at the school. I set out below the salient points from a much longer letter. I am assuming that local residents received this.

"At present we are actively seeking to identify an alternative access point as mentioned at a residents meeting held in Ashton on Monday 7 April and have carried out site visits at three locations, accompanied by the Parish Council. In the meantime we will be carrying out some short term maintenance works at the site to again ensure this access is properly used and managed. During this period we will also continue to use the access point at Ashton for delivery purposes, with limited works taking place at certain times. Wherever possible, these will be done during the day. Personnel will use the access point for access and egress to the track only. Works will take place further along the line. To ensure minimum disruption to residents, heavy goods traffic also continues to be diverted away from the village."

At the time of writing this, Monday 19 May, earlier today, I received a call from Nigel Barber, who again you will recall attended both meetings. He confirmed that negotiations were being held today with a land owner to see if they would be prepared to sell an area of land to them to enable them to form a new access and that he would report back when he had any news. I can confirm that they did look at three sites because I took them round and I can also confirm that the site is not the one at the top of Roade Hill.

Also, people may have noticed that some excavation has taken place in the field on the Roade side of the radio mast. I did not know what this was, so this morning I walked up and asked the contractors what was going on. I was told that GTRM are making an access point to get to the line to enable them to renew the overhead line gantries. It will take 12 weeks and will be a temporary measure only. They said they were nothing to do with the Jarvis Alliance who continue to operate on the access lower down the hill.

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### Useful Contacts

Parish Council Chairman - Bernard Day 862383    Community Policeman - PC Goddard 01327 303209  
Parish Council Clerk - Stephanie Fowler 862904    Towcester Police Station Western Area 01327 303245  
Footpath Warden - Peter Coulson 864214    Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - David Farrand 863225  
Ashton District Councillor - Martin Wilson 864254    Village Internet Site - [www.ashtonvillage.co.uk](http://www.ashtonvillage.co.uk)

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# ASHTON *Village News*

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## GIANT CAR BOOT SALE

**Saturday 7 June 2003**

at

**Mens Own Rugby Club  
Ashton**

**in aid of Ashton School and Church funds**

**Refreshments will be available in the Rugby Club**

**Arrivals from 7.30am**

**Trading from 9.00am**

**Prebooked £5.00 per car, on the day £6.00 per car**

**Vans £7.00, extra car £2.50, car and trailer £7.00**

**Book now on 01604 863225**

**also Saturday 2 August**

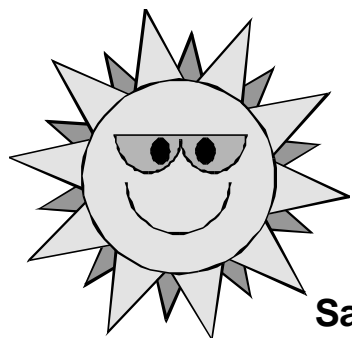
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At this Car Boot we are having

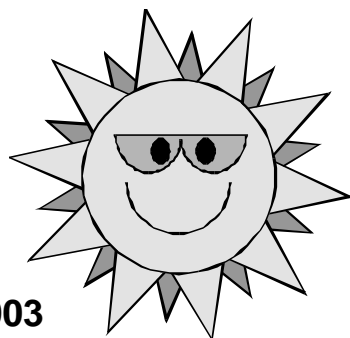
**Ashton's own White Elephant Stall**

**Bags for donations will be left at each house on Friday 30 May and will be collected on Friday 6 June. So clear out your lofts, garages and sheds and donate your unwanted treasure in aid of Ashton Church and School funds.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Fowler on 862904**



Ashton  
Mid Summer  
Celebrations



**Saturday 21 June 2003  
from 4pm til late  
at Mens' Own Rugby Club**

**Childrens' Games  
Tuf of War - village teams needed - Adults & Children  
Raffle  
BBQ  
Roade Community Orchestra  
Disco**

Theme - Ashton on Holiday

Fancy Dress optional



"Saucy Picture Postcards" - Ashton by the Sea 2003

**Tickets      Adults £6      Children (under 14) £3  
available from Marion Wilson (864254)**

**in aid of Ashton School and Church funds**

# Ashton Gardens Walk

**Sunday  
6 July 2003**

**Selected Gardens in Ashton Village  
Open to the public  
from 2.00 to 6.00 pm**

**Teas and Plant sales**

Gardens and parking  
identified with balloons

**In aid of  
Ashton Church Funds**

**£2.50 per person - Children Free**

For the Ashton Gardens Walk on 6 July 2003, we would be grateful for donations of plants. We are also looking for helpers to sell teas, tickets, plants and to organise car parking.

Please contact Marion Wilson on 864254 if you are able to help.