

ASHTON

Village News

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

At a meeting on Thursday 15 July at Men's Own Rugby Club, PC Malkin, PC Howells and PC Watts (the Crime Prevention Officer) spoke to Ashton residents about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village.

Some of the points that they made were as follows:-

In the last 6 months, there were 12 reported crimes in Ashton. Although this is low compared to local villages, we should not to be complacent.

Ashton is the only local village without Neighbourhood Watch. There are currently 300 schemes in operation covered by the Eastern Police district.

The scheme acts as a deterrent, to cut down fear of crime and to improve communications.

Street signs cost £10.58p each and have a deterrent value. The signs have to be insured for 3rd party liability and cost £5.00p per annum for administration, cover is free. Stickers, labels and literature is provided free by the Police.

The scheme is run by the village, not by the Police. The Police act as co-ordinators. Any suspicious incidents are reported to the village co-ordinator or to the Police.

A vote, by the village members present, unanimously agreed to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Ashton and also voted to accept Robin Legg, Landlord of the Old Crown Inn, as co-ordinator of the scheme.

Advice on household security was presented by the Crime Prevention Officer and further information can be obtained from him on any aspects of security. Specific help can be obtained for elderly people.

A Crime Prevention News magazine is printed quarterly and a magazine called Our Neighbourhood is to be published shortly.

The scheme will enable a two way flow of information via the village co-ordinator. The Police will give feed-back information on the results of incidents reported by the village.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (continued)

Incident Report cards can be obtained from Robin Legg. The card gives details of the type of information the police would find useful when a suspicious incident is reported.

For serious incidents, the emergency phone number (999) should be used.

Suspicious incidents can be reported to Weston Favell on 700700.

PC Malkin can be contacted on 703514 (answer phone).

The Crime Prevention Officer, PC Watts, is on 703850.

Robin Legg can be contacted on 862268.

It must be stressed that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is a means for villagers to help cut down crime by reporting anything out of the ordinary. Members of the scheme are NOT vigilantes. The scheme aims to avoid 'busybodying'.

The main aims are:

- to reduce opportunities for crime and make it more difficult for the would-be thief, vandal or criminal to act.
- to build up a community spirit so that you and all your neighbours can work together to everybody's benefit.
- to tell your area co-ordinator or the police about any suspicious incidents in your neighbourhood.

The village has been split into small areas and each area will have its own contact person. The contact will be able to pass on information from the co-ordinator or the police quickly to all households. In the next few days, your local contact will drop by to deliver literature and to ask for 50p per household as a contribution towards the cost of Neighbourhood Watch signs for Ashton.

CRICKET MATCH

between teams representing

the OLD CROWN, ASHTON and the PLOUGH, SHUTLANGER

on 11 AUGUST at 6 o'clock

at Men's Own Rugby Club

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE TEAM

THANK YOU

From Ashton Parochial Church Council

To all those who came on 6 July and helped to cut the grass, scythe the stinging nettles and strim around the grave stones in the churchyard.

It was a night of hard work and one or two went away carrying the scars of their efforts; rashes from the stinging nettles and a few blisters on their hands. Nevertheless they had the satisfaction of seeing a job well done.

Our thanks to the ladies - Miss Feyver, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Nevison - and for the sterling work of the gentlemen - Mr Wilson, Mr Sharp, Mr Dickerson, Mr Notley, Mr Nevison and Canon Davidson. Our thanks to Mr Day for carting away all the grass and weeds. Our thanks also to Mr Skinner, Mr Smith and Mr Garratt who regularly work in the churchyard.

The Parochial Church Council would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped at the Church fete. The people who manned the stalls, those who collected around the village and the people who gave so generously items for the various stalls and, finally, all those who came along on the day and supported us. Without all your help, it would not be possible to hold our Fete. Thank you once again and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

TFL CARPETS INTER-VILLAGE QUIZ 1993

The 12th Inter-Village Quiz is being organised by Northamptonshire ACRE and generously sponsored again this year by TFL Carpets of Northampton.

Teams of four from the village can enter. All Team members must live or work in the village or be bona fide members of a village organisation. Substitutes are allowed, but no-one may appear for more than one team during the course of the competition.

All teams take part in a three round mini league competition, the winners going forward to a knockout round, which is followed by Area Finals and County Finals. The Quiz dates are - Mini league matches on 22 Sept, 6 & 20 Oct (All Teams), Round 4 knockout on 3 Nov (Mini league winners), Area Semi-finals and Finals on 17 Nov (Round 4 winners) and County Finals on 8 Dec (Area winners).

All teams are asked to nominate a question master for at least one of the first three rounds. Teams from a village with a Village Hall which subscribes to Northamptonshire ACRE's Village Halls Forum pay £5.00 for entry. Additional Teams are £2.00 per team. Non-member villages £6.00 per team

Closing date for Entries - Monday 6 Sept 1993 An Entry Form can be obtained from the AVN Editors.

BUMBLESNOUTS & BARBEQUE

Ashton CE Primary School held a Social evening at the Men's Own Rugby Club on Friday 16 July 93. The children performed a musical "The BumbleSnouts Save The World". Barbequed burgers and bar facilities were available.

The event was organised by Mrs F Mills and Mrs S Bridewell as an end of term get-together. Not only was great fun had by all who attended but the event made £155 profit towards new equipment for the Primary School.

THE OLD CROWN INN

BARBEQUE

every **WEEKEND** in **SUMMER**
(weather permitting)

CURRY NIGHT

last **Wednesday** every month

ASHTON POST OFFICE

at **The Old Crown**

MONDAY 0900 - 1200

THURSDAY 0900 - 1200

CONTACTS in ASHTON

PARISH COUNCIL :

CHAIRMAN	Tim Davis	862904
SECRETARY	Venita Webb	862313
MEMBER	Derek Hay	862374
MEMBER	Maurice Foster	
MEMBER	Bernard Day	862383
MEMBER	Anne Beasley	863324

SCHOOL :

PARENTS ASN	Sandra Notley	863172
GOVERNORS	Alan Sharp	862360

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH :

CO-ORDINATOR	Robin Legg	862268
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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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CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER :

PC WATTS		703850
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