

Amenities Committee – Annual Report 2016 - 2017

This has been another full and busy year for the Amenities Committee.

The first Ash Parish Council Village Fete took place on Saturday 18 June 2016 (this replaced the Ash Fun Day format). The Village Fete was timed to coincide and celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. There was a wide range of stalls and displays representing many charities and local organisations and for the first time ever we saw Ferret Racing in Ash. Despite the weather not being particularly kind, the event was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

The Christmas Fantasia took place at the end of November and once again was extremely popular with many visitors attending the Christmas Fair in the Ash Centre before strolling down to the Wharf to see the switching of the Christmas Tree lights. As part of a rolling programme, there were additional festive motifs on the lamp-posts throughout the Parish in the run up to Christmas, which certainly provided a cheery atmosphere.

The Remembrance Day Parade and Service took place on Sunday 13 November. The Parade was led by the Chairman of the Council, Nigel Manning and Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath, the Rt Hon Michael Gove. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by members of the local clergy and a number of service personnel, including members of the Royal British Legion and other uniformed organisations took part in the wreath laying ceremony. Once again attendance at this Parade was extremely high and it was wonderful to see age groups across generations taking part and paying respects to those who had served their country during times of conflict.

For the seventh year in a row Ash Parish Council ran its own Ash in Bloom competition and once again there were many amazing entries, certainly the keen gardeners within the Parish had gone to great lengths with their floral displays.

Throughout the year, the Parish have continued a number of programmes to keep our village one that we are proud to live in.

As Chairman of the Amenities Committee I would like to thank all the Members of Ash Parish Council and the Parish staff for their commitment and support during this last year.

Cllr Jayne Hewlett
Chairman of the Amenities Committee