

**Ash & District Museum and History Society
Annual Report 2014-2015**

Ash Museum is housed in the Ash Cemetery Chapel at Ash Cemetery, Ash Church Road. The society is a registered charity and is run by a dedicated group of local volunteers. The Trustees meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss a variety of issues including finances, applications for grant funding and the latest acquisitions.

The society has had a busy year. The outbreak of the First World War, was commemorated in Ash, over weekend of 9 and 10 August. To coincide with the rededication of the War Memorial by Ash Parish Council the Trustees organised a "Village Memories" exhibition at Victoria Hall. The exhibition was very well supported and attracted over 500 visitors including the Mayor of Guildford.

The annual fund raising quiz was held in October and again attracted many people from the local community. They came together to raise the much needed funds to help with the maintenance and running costs of the Chapel. The Trustees will be looking to run a similar event later in the year. Details will be published in future newsletters and on the Ash Parish Council website. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in November and following the usual business, the audience enjoyed an informative presentation by local historian Jane Morgan, entitled "Ash in 1911: a wander through the census". Jane is set to return to this year's AGM on Friday 20 November 2015, to present the second half of her excellent talk.

New members are always welcome and membership is very affordable at just £5.00 a year. If you would like to join please contact the Chairman Mr Brian Perry on 01252 542341 or email the Treasurer Mr Richard Tolley, ashmuseum@ntlworld.com.

Finally, the Trustees are always seeking new volunteers to help with the opening of the Museum, which is every third Sunday of each month, from 2.00 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. The duties are not onerous and you would always be accompanied by an experienced volunteer. If you are interested the Trustees would like to hear from you, please contact Brian Perry on 01252 542341 or via Ash Parish Council 01252 328287

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