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Contact Numbers

999 or 112 - For all emergencies
101 - Report a non emergency crime to Surrey Police

Community Wardens

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Dates for your 2017 Diary

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
 Sunday 12th November 2017

Fantasia 2017

Saturday 25th November 2017
 Visit www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk for news of any other events

Recycling Sites

Recycling in Ash Parish is handled by Guildford Borough Council. There is an extensive section on recycling on the following webpage: <http://www.guildford.gov.uk/guildfordweb/environment/recycling>.

Community Recycling sites in Ash and Ash Vale are located at:

Ash Football Club Green, Brown and Clear Glass.
 Shawfield Road



Carrington Recreation Ground Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Shoes.
 Lysons Avenue

Coronation Gardens Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard, Textiles and Shoes, Liquid Food Cartons and Drink Cartons.
 Ash Hill Road

If you would like to place an article or advertisement about a community event in a future issue of this newsletter, or if you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter or website, please contact The Parish Office by telephone on: 01252 328287 or e-mail office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

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Ash Matters

The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

Issue Three 2017

Mayor of Guildford 2017 - 2018 Cllr Nigel Manning



The Mayor of Guildford for the municipal year 2017 - 2018 is our very own Chairman of the Council, Councillor Nigel Manning. Nigel was born in Brighton, East Sussex where he also attended school. Despite initially passing the entry exam to the Diplomatic Corp, Nigel chose to work locally for a building society before deciding his career would be in the Civil Service.

Nigel started work for what was then known as Her Majesty's Inspector of Taxes. After over 41 years with what has now become Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, Nigel retired in January 2016.

Nigel has always taken an interest in both local and national politics, probably as a result of the friendly rivalry between his parents. One was a "True Blue" whilst the other was an active Trade Unionist. Nigel became more involved in local politics when he moved to Ash and joined the local Conservative Association. Nigel stood and won a seat on Ash Parish Council in a by-election held in June 2000. He followed this up with another by-election win in January 2001, when he became a Guildford Borough Councillor.

Since becoming a Guildford Borough Councillor, he has served on many different committees and was also a Member of the Executive between 2003 - 2016. Since May 2002 Nigel has continuously been Chairman of Ash Parish Council and as an ex-officio member, serves on all of the Parish Council committees.

Nigel's chosen charity for his Mayoral year is the British Heart Foundation (BHF). For over 50 years the BHF has pioneered research which has transformed the lives of millions of people living with cardiovascular disease (CVD).

Today CVD still kills around one in four people in the UK. There are also over seven million people, young, old and inbetween, who live with the burden of CVD, so funds are vital to enable the BHF research to continue the fight against heart disease.

Nigel is also supporting The Mayor of Guildford's Local Distress Fund. The Fund provides vital support by granting small sums of money to help those in genuine need. For more information about The Local Distress Fund and the terms under which applications can be made, or if you would like to make a donation please contact Annette Stone on 01483 444108 or e-mail annette.stone@guildford.gov.uk.

Nigel will be seeking the support of fellow councillors, and the local business community, residents and local media to acknowledge and recognise the many people, both individuals and groups, who quietly give up their time and energy to selflessly help others, even though they themselves may have suffered or are suffering. Nigel would like to visit as many of these community groups and organisations as possible, to see the work that they do, how they help within the community and to personally thank the volunteers on behalf of all the residents of Guildford Borough.

"Its our Community, support it, embrace it!"

WE HOPE IT NEVER HAPPENS BUT.....

“It is always good to Be Prepared”. This statement is especially true during a serious emergency and a Community Emergency Plan (CEP) always works best when you can quickly call on others to provide help, assistance and resources.

Ash Parish Council is reviewing its Emergency Plan so it can respond quickly to extraordinary events, which may have a detrimental impact on the whole or part of the Parish.

The Council sincerely hopes that this plan will never be needed, however given recent events, it does make good sense to have proper contingency plans in place, just in case the Council needs to respond to an emergency.

As part of the CEP, the Council is creating an emergency contact register and is asking for volunteers to assist in such an emergency. The Council is looking for all sorts of skilled people, such as those with First Aid skills, Four Wheel Drive Vehicle owners or anyone who has a skill that may be of use during an emergency. They are also looking for volunteers who just want to help during an emergency. If you think you can help please contact the clerk to the Council, Mrs Carole Olive, on 01252 328287 or e-mail on carole.olive@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk.

Please note the register will be strictly confidential and no personal details will be made public. It would only be accessed by a designated response team, should the need arise.

Ash United Ladies Football Club



Last season, for the first time in its club history, Ash United formed a ladies team. This was another step in the development of the Ash United community, which provides opportunities for local people to participate in sport.

The club currently embraces adult senior football with a Saturday first team and reserves, a Sunday first team and reserves, and now the adult ladies team. Over the last two years, the club has also built a strong youth contingent and next season will have teams in the Under 7 (U7) Under 8 (U8) Under 10 (U10) and Under 12 (U12) age groups.

The ladies team, is comprised of both young and experienced players and overall the team enjoyed a mixed season in a very competitive league. For the coming season, as some of last year's players are now focusing on their college or university studies, the team's new management is looking to recruit players of all ages, skills and abilities. If you are interested in learning a new skill set, want to get fit, or just want to get back into football after a break, why not contact your local team Ash United Ladies.

Please contact Jennie: ladies@ashunited.co.uk or jennie.grover76@gmail.com for more information.

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1st Ash Vale Scout Group



Local Charity for the Co-op Community Fund



Please support us!

Our existing hut is a prefabricated building nearing the end of its life. It is very well used by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Nursery Children. We need to replace it

1% of everything you spend on Co-op brand products can be donated to us

Please make sure you have a Co-op card and donate!

Thank you
1st Ash Vale Scout Group



Fun, Challenge, Adventure



Quiz Night's at the Victoria Hall, Ash

This autumn will see the return of Dave Brown's popular quiz nights at The Victoria Hall.

Each quiz is in aid of a different charity and the entry fee of £5 per person goes to support the work of that charity. There are no prizes, just the honour of winning. The quizzes start at 7:30pm and finish at about 10:00pm and each team is made up of about six people. There is always a raffle, for which prizes are welcomed.

Please contact Dave Brown to book a table; e-mail david.brown15@ntlworld.com

The dates for the rest of 2017 are:

Friday 29 September - MacMillan Cancer Support;

Friday 20 October - Help for Heroes;

Friday 10 November - RSPCA;

Friday 1 December - NSPCC



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LB Posture Training



LB Posture Training currently has two groups of classes running. The first is a Karate Group that involves traditional techniques and language. This group helps people to improve their fitness, build self-confidence and learn practical ways of avoiding confrontation. The club does not teach children and adults together as they need

different methodologies in order to learn. These classes are structured to include a dynamic warm-up and to focus on partner work, so as to achieve a more realistic way of fighting.

The second group is a class called Taiso, which involves the study of meditative forms. This class has many health benefits and can improve mental wellbeing. It works not just on the muscles, but on the brain as well, helping to calm one's mental state. The last part of the class is dedicated to meditation. This group is not only about exercise, it is also a great social platform where people can meet and share quality time.

After the workout they gather and have a cup of tea and a chat.

All classes are held at St Mark's Hall, Guildford Road, Normandy GU3 2DA. Karate is on a Thursday at 8:00pm and Taiso is on a Friday at 2:00pm.

For more information please contact Les at les.bubka@lbposture.com or on 07707 321917.



TinyTalk classes - Nicola Ratcliffe

If experience has taught us anything, communication is key. If you can understand what your baby wants, and your baby can understand you, then life can be much easier. Babies may learn gestures and baby sign language before their vocal cords develop. In the early stages of development this can be a great tool to help deal with daily life let alone frustration.

So why not learn to communicate with your baby before they can speak, at an award winning TinyTalk baby signing class?

What can you expect from a tinyTalk class?

- Each class is an hour long.
- It includes weekly themes such as bedtime, family, or a trip to the park, and gives you the signs you need to share your baby's world and daily routine, using British Sign Language (BSL).
- An interactive music class featuring well-known nursery rhymes such as Old MacDonald, Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and Twinkle Twinkle.
- Hands-on sensory activities delight your baby and develop communication skills such as vocalising, listening and taking turns. They also stimulate your baby's senses, encourage their tracking skills and develop their hand-eye coordination and motor skills.
- Time to relax with a cuppa and make new friends whilst your baby enjoys social playtime.
- Classes are £6.00 per family class and this is regardless of how many babies, mums, dads, grandparents or childminders attend.
- Classes are held locally on Mondays at the Ash youth Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash GU12 5DN from 11:00am until midday.

For more information please contact Nicola Ratcliffe via e-mail nicola@tinytalk.co.uk, by mobile 07763 813107 or visit the website www.tinytalk.co.uk.

Miss Winifred Massey



Winifred Charlotte Massey (1906-1973) was a local benefactress. She was the grand-daughter of James and Charlotte Payne who lived at Hereford House which is located on the corner of Firacre Road in Ash Vale. James Payne, was a local florist and market gardener and he built Hereford House. Their daughter, Frances Charlotte married Charles Frederick Massey (ex 7th Hussars), and Winifred, their only child, was baptised on 4 March 1906 at St. Mary's Church Ash Vale.

Miss Massey is remembered for running a small private school at Hereford House, for her paintings and her love of art. At the school the children sat at little desks, with their fabric book bags which they had made for themselves from checked material embroidered with cross stiches, hanging over the back of their

chairs. In 1949 it is recorded that the girls wore maroon blazers with the school badge on the pocket. In summer, they wore gingham frocks and in winter a skirt and jumper.

One parent remembered paying school fees of 2s6d a week for his child to attend Hereford House School. Writing practice was completed in a maths exercise book with small squares. On sunny afternoons, the children went into the garden for nature study and sat under the trees sketching flowers and insects. Occasionally they were allowed to explore the canal bank with its plentiful insect life where Miss Massey's enthusiasm for recording every detail was infectious.

On Sundays, Miss Massey wore a big black hat with a bird's nest on it and the children were particularly impressed by this. Despite being a large and formidable woman she was always kind and gentle; she never punished the children and miraculously she was still able to control the young boys!

In 1966 Miss Massey retired and her day school closed. However she continued to offer music and art lessons in the evenings and on Saturday mornings. One parent who took his children on Saturday mornings was impressed by her ability to mark the children's work at the same time as she was listening to the piano and holding a conversation!

Miss Massey was a prominent member of the local horticultural society and was self-efficient in garden produce. Periodically she would open up her garden at Hereford House to the public.

When she died, Miss Massey left Hereford House to charity. The property was sold and some of the proceeds of the sale were used to set up a charity to help local people. It was named after her grandfather and to this day it is still called the James Payne Memorial Fund.

Miss Massey was buried in Ash Cemetery where sadly her grave lay unmarked for over 40 years. The trustees of the Ash & District Museum Society, with the support of the James Payne Memorial Fund decided that a suitable memorial should be erected to commemorate this remarkable and fondly remembered lady.

So, on Saturday 6 May 2017 having been arranged by the volunteers from Ash Museum the new Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Nigel Manning, placed flowers on the newly marked grave of Miss Winifred Massey in Ash Cemetery.

Ash Museum can be found in the Cemetery Chapel, Ash Cemetery, Ash Church Road, Ash and is open on the 3rd Sunday of every month between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. For more information see www.ashmuseum.org.uk and www.facebook.com/ashmuseum.



*The Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Nigel Manning laying flowers on Miss Massey's Grave
Photo - Glyn Morgan*

Surrey County Councillors

Following the County Councillor elections in May, the two County Councillors covering the Parish of Ash are Cllr Mrs Marsha Moseley and Cllr Matt Furniss.

Cllr Mrs Marsha Moseley



Electoral Division: Ash - covers, Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Wharf.

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Cllr Matt Furniss



Electoral Division: Shalford - covers, Ash South and Tongham

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E-mail: matt.furniss@surreycc.gov.uk

Changes to Council Committees and Meeting Dates

With effect from May 2017 the existing Amenities Committee will merge with the Finance & Administration Committee for a trial period of 12 months. The new committee will be known as The Amenities and Finance & Administration Committee (AFA).

Due to the merger there will be NO committee meetings on the third Monday of each month. The new AFA committee will meet on the fourth Monday of each month following the planning committee meetings.

Revised schedule of meetings for 2017/2018;

14 August 2017	Planning		
29 August 2017	Planning	11 December 2018	Planning/Council
11 September 2017	Planning/Council	08 January 2018	Planning/Council
25 September 2017	Planning/AFA	22 January 2018	Planning/AFA
09 October 2017	Planning/Council	12 February 2018	Planning/Council
23 October 2017	Planning/AFA	26 February 2018	Planning/AFA
13 November 2017	Planning/Council	12 March 2018	Planning/Council
27 November 2017	Planning/AFA	26 March 2018	Planning/AFA
		09 April 2018	Planning/Council
		23 April 2018	Planning/AFA

Full details can be found on the Council's website - www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

101 - The Police non-emergency Number



Did you know that for non emergency telephone calls to the police you can dial 101. 101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland when it is less urgent than a 999 call.

You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response, for example if;

- your car has been stolen,
- your property has been damaged,
- you suspect drug use or dealing in your area.

101 can also be used to give the Police information about crime in your area or to speak to the police about a general enquiry.

Calls to 101 (from both land lines and mobiles) cost 15 pence (15p) per call no matter what time of day or night, or how long you are on the phone. The 15p call cost goes to the telephone providers to cover the cost of the call. Neither the police or the government receives money from the 101 calls.

When you call 101, you will hear a message telling you which police force you are being connected to. The message will then give you a choice of which force you want to be connected to. For example, if you telephone from Ash you will automatically be connected to the Hampshire Police but you will then be given the choice to connect to the Surrey Police.

Issues such as dog fouling, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping etc. are not police matters. They should be reported to Guildford Borough Council on 01483 505050. Please visit the website at www.guildford.gov.uk for further information. If you do not have access to the internet or require assistance in reporting concerns please telephone Ash Parish Council on 01252 328287 who should be able to help you.

In an Emergency:

999

999 is still the **EMERGENCY** number to contact the police, fire and rescue service, the ambulance service, the coastguard, mountain, cliff and cave rescue. This number should only be used when urgent attendance required by the emergency services. For example, when someone is seriously ill, injured or if a crime **is in progress**.

Watch Out - There's a Burglar About

It has recently been reported that a couple of individuals have been sighted in the Ash area, chalk marking walls of certain properties. While this may be entirely innocent, it probably wasn't, especially in view of the individuals' reaction when challenged. Marking properties in a certain way, for a later visit by an unwelcome visitor e.g. a burglar or persistent cold caller, is a well known tactic employed by those who wish to take advantage of the householder, particularly if, for example, they are elderly, vulnerable, out at work or away on holiday.

Random stones appearing in front of a property or under the wheel of a parked car outside of a property, may also denote that the property has been subject to a preliminary "investigation" by someone, who is looking for a soft target for a later burglary.

Residents are advised that if you spot any unexpected markings on walls or the pavement outside a property, or if you see a few random stones described as above, to report it as soon as possible, to the police using the 101 number. Similarly, if you see any unfamiliar people in your neighbourhood who are acting suspiciously, please report this to the police on the 101 number. Once you have reported the incident you may want to remove the "marking" in an attempt to prevent a crime from being committed.

With the summer holidays upon us, please be extra vigilant and neighbourly. Be aware of these unscrupulous methods of identifying targets for criminal activity. Let's all keep our eyes open for anything unusual, to help keep our neighbourhood safe from crime.