



Ash Matters

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Dog Fouling in Ash Parish - Court Case



The Guildford Borough Council (GBC) Dog Warden, Pete Burnage has advised that on October 28th 2013, an Ash Man was convicted at Guildford Magistrates Court under the "Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996" for failure to clean up immediately after his dog. The offence occurred in March 2013 in the alleyway which runs alongside Ash Walsh School. The offender was given a £50 fixed penalty notice by the Dog Warden, but failed to pay. The offender did not turn up at Court, and the Magistrates said that they were happy to hear the case in his absence. They found him guilty and fined him £200 plus costs of £150 and a victim surcharge of £20. This made a total fine of **£370**.

Pete Burnage said "*Residents in Ash and Ash Vale*

are fed up with the irresponsible dog owners. I am very satisfied with the outcome of this case. Failure to clean up after a dog which has fouled beside a school shows the utmost irresponsibility, especially as there are three bins in the alley that can be used."

This year GBC has been running a campaign supported by the Dogs Trust and Keep Britain Tidy. The campaign aims to raise awareness that dog owners should "bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do" as bagged dog mess can be put into litterbins as well as dog waste bins. GBC staff have visited a variety of areas across the Borough including the Parish of Ash, where they have counted and spray painted all of the dog mess. A week later the areas were visited by the Environmental Education trailer and staff were able to meet and greet dog walkers as well as educate them about their duties and responsibilities. On August 2nd 2013 there were 93 pieces of dog mess found and sprayed in Coronation Gardens. This shows that there are still far too many dog owners who are failing to comply with the law and are leaving their dog mess for other people to tread in. Patrols in the area are continuing and anyone who is witnessed failing to clean up is likely to receive a £50 penalty of face prosecution.

Residents who witness people failing to clean up after their dogs should report them to the Dog Warden on 01483 444765. All calls will be dealt with in confidence.

Chairman's Bit



First of All, I can't believe we are now in 2014. On behalf of all the Councillors and Staff at Ash Parish Council may I wish you a very Happy New Year.

During the last year the Parish Council has purchased and positioned 10 salt bins at sensitive locations within the Parish. The Council has also entered into an agreement with Guildford Borough Council to supply 30 tonnes of salt which the Borough Council will store for us until we need it. In addition to this, the Parish Council has agreed to supply Parish Councils within Guildford Borough Council and local housing associations with supplies of salt at cost price. By having our own salt supply, the Parish Council, is best placed to try and keep dangerous and well used roads and sections of pavement, as safe as possible, should we have heavy snow and icy conditions in the winter months. The Council has limited re-

sources and must ensure its staff are not put at any unnecessary risk of injury, however we will do whatever we can to keep Ash as safe as possible and keep "business as usual" in any adverse weather.

Can I remind you that the salt in the bins is **only** for use in public areas. Anyone found taking the salt, for any other reason, will be guilty of theft and the Parish Council will not hesitate in prosecuting those offenders who are caught.

Councillor Nigel Manning



Chairman, Ash Parish Council



1st Ash Vale Scout Group

Celebrating 75 Years of Scouting in Ash Vale

Fund Raising Quiz Night

Come and join us for some post Christmas fun!

Saturday 8th February 2014 - 7.30pm to 10.30pm

The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Surrey

£8 a person including Ploughman's Supper - bring your own drink



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SCOUTS: FUN, CHALLENGE, ADVENTURE – YOUR LOCAL YOUTH ORGANISATION

Christmas Fantasia 2013



The Christmas Fair at the Ash Centre

Tom Collins, Nails Beauty, One Stop Stores, Phyllis Charity Shop, Spice of India, Surrey Hearing Services, Surrey Tackle Exchange, Taste of India, Tesco Express, The Bo Wah Fish Bar, The India Hut, The Dover Garage, The Forge Works, The Greyhound Public House, The Lion Brewery, The Napier, The Optical Centre, The Swan, Tilthams Garage, Vale Furnishers and Vale Veterinary Practice.

Crowds began gathering on Ash Wharf just as darkness began to fall for the traditional carol singing, with choir members from both St Peters and St Marys Churches.



*The Christmas Tree on Ash Wharf
Picture by Neil Bidwell*

installation of the tree. We would also like to thank the Co-operative Funeral Service for sponsoring the tree lights, to Bridges Estate Agents for providing the electricity for the lights over the complete festive period and also to the Dover Garage for their contribution.

Following Father Christmas's departure back to Lapland, everyone was invited back to the Ash Centre for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, which were kindly donated again this year by Mike and Jane Duffy of Duffy's Budgens. Finally our thanks go to both the Surrey Police Local Neighbourhood team led by Sergeant Alison Adams and the event Marshalls provided by the Rotary Club of Ash and Blackwater Valley, led by Councillor Paul Spooner.

Christmas Fantasia 2013 was held on Saturday 7th December with once again the Christmas Fair in the Ash Centre and Community Carol Singing and the Switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights on Ash Wharf. Ash Parish Council would like to thank everyone running a stall at the Fair in the Ash Centre.

The Council would like to thank the following businesses for their kind donations to the Parish Council tombola stalls and grand raffle; Bridges Estate Agents, Budgens Stores Limited, Citizens Advice Service, Co-operative Stores, Hampshire Metalcraft, Happy Garden Takeaway, K & S Hair Studio, Lloyds Pharmacy, MacKenzie Smith Estate Agents, Magic Signs, Mitchell & Partners, Tuckwell Charity Shop, Premier Cuts, RSPCA



Father Christmas and his "toy box" helpers

The music being provided by the Ash Vale Ensemble, led by Len Scott, who come together each year just for this one event.

Father Christmas arrived by traditional sleigh "pulled" by Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer, and was assisted by many well known characters from the local "toy box". He switched on the Christmas Tree Lights following the traditional countdown. Ash Parish Council would like to thank Surrey County Councillor, Cllr Marsha Moseley for contributing towards the cost of the Christmas Tree and the hire of the crane required for installation.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service



Parish Clerk, Carole Olive, Michael Gove MP, and Cllr Nigel Manning arriving at the War Memorial

The 2013 Remembrance Day Parade and Service was held on Sunday 10th November. For the second year running the sun shone throughout the event.

The parade was led by a lone piper and the Union Flag, followed by the Chairman of Ash Parish Council, Councillor Nigel Manning, accompanied by Surrey Heath MP, Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, and Carole Olive, Clerk to Ash Parish Council, who all then led the wreath laying. This was then followed by members of various uniformed and non uniformed organisations from the local area. These organisations included the local Police Neighbourhood Team led by Sergeant Alison Adams, St John Ambulance, a number of Scout and Guide Troops and members of the University of the Third Age (U3A).

North East Hampshire Area School Band, conducted by Wendy Brett. Tim Edwards once again very efficiently marshalled the parade.

Following the formal salute taken by Councillor Manning the Parade was dismissed and all participants were invited into the Ash Centre for tea and coffee provided by members of Churches Together in Ash Vale and Tongham in the Ash Centre.

Ash Parish Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the Parade and Service.



The salute being taken by Cllr Manning following the service and return to the Ash Centre

A Man's Castle!

First 'men in sheds' opens in Ash

Traditional men's leisure activities often used to take place at the bottom of the garden - tinkering and pottering in a shed. Now Age UK Surrey is doing exactly that in Ash where the "Men in Sheds" project is open for pottering. Activities start with woodworking and will move onto whatever the men want, restoring stuff, taking stuff apart with plenty of tea drinking and chat. The outcome expected will be improved feelings of well being through social inclusion and achievement.



Older men have been recognised as a more isolated group whose interests are not fully met locally and who have particular issues. They are under represented in Lifelong Learning and in Day Centres.

The Shed will be fully operational from early February and if you have some spare time join them on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at The Day Centre, Shawfield Road, Ash. A skilled coordinator, John Fairs, has been recruited and if you would like more information contact John on 07722 753074 or e-mail john.fairs@ageuksurrey.org.uk

Friary Guildford Brass Band Concert

For the very first time on 16th November 2013, the Ash Centre and Ash Parish Council hosted a Brass Band Concert given by the Friary Guildford Brass Band, under the baton of Chris King. The Concert was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ash and Blackwater Valley; and all proceeds went to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

The concert started with the Gershwin classic *Strike up the Band* and was followed by a number of film classics including the theme from the *Mask of Zorro*, *Moon River* and finished with the evocative *MacArthur Park*. Special mention must be made of Euphonium soloist Chris Straker who played without the aid of the music score, the stirring *Rule! Britannia*.



*The audience during the concert.
Yes Cllr Nigel Manning is wearing a Union Jack jacket!*



*The Friary Guildford Brass Band and conductor Chris King
receiving the well earned applause from the audience*

The second half began with the march from the film *Bridge over the River Kwai*, *Colonel Bogey*. This was followed by *Fantasia on British Sea Songs* which was very well received with the audience trying to outdo the Royal Albert Hall Last Night of the Proms audience with their clapping along to the music!

The patriotic *Pomp and Circumstance No1*, including *Land of Hope and Glory*, brought the Concert to a close and the audience raised the roof with their applause. The Band then, for the first time in their history, played TWO, yes two, encores, starting with Queens *Don't Stop Me Now* followed by the Liverpool Football Club Anthem, *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

The Concert was such a wonderful success that the Friary Guildford Brass Band has already been booked for a Christmas Concert on 13th December of this year. Watch this space and also the Council website www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk for more news later in the year.

Dates for your 2014 Diary

Ash Fun Day, Saturday 12th July

Ash in Bloom Judging, during July

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service, Sunday 9th November

Christmas Fantasia, Saturday 29th November

Christmas Concert by the Friary Guildford Brass Band, Saturday 13th December

As always, full details of these and any other events will be printed in *Ash Matters*, The Ash Parish Magazine, and published on the Council Website, www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/Council/Events

Further information call also be obtained by telephoning 01252 328287

Ash Parish Council Meetings 2014/15

12 May 2014	Planning /Annual Meeting of the Council
19 May 2014	Amenities
27 May 2014 (Tuesday)	Planning/Finance and Administration
09 June 2014	Planning/Council
16 June 2014	Amenities
23 June 2014	Planning/Finance and Administration
14 July 2014	Planning/Council
21 July 2014	Amenities
28 July 2014	Planning/Finance and Administration
11 August 2014	Planning
26 August 2014 (Tuesday)	Planning
08 September 2014	Planning/Council
15 September 2014	Amenities
22 September 2014	Planning/Finance and Administration
13 October 2014	Planning/Council
20 October 2014	Amenities
27 October 2014	Planning/Finance and Administration
10 November 2014	Planning/Council
17 November 2014	Amenities
24 November 2014	Planning/Finance and Administration
08 December 2014	Planning/Council
15 December 2014	Amenities
12 January 2015	Planning/Council
19 January 2015	Amenities
26 January 2015	Planning/Finance and Administration
09 February 2015	Planning/Council
16 February 2015	Amenities
23 February 2015	Planning/Finance and Administration
09 March 2015	Planning/Annual Parish Meeting/Council
16 March 2015	Amenities
23 March 2015	Planning/Finance and Administration
13 April 2015	Planning/Council
20 April 2015	Amenities
27 April 2015	Planning/Finance and Administration

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2012/13 for

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2012 £	31 March 2013 £	
	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.		
1 Balances brought forward	535,562	594,287	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2 (+) Annual precept	394,235	392,911	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year.
3 (+) Total other receipts	175,257	173,208	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4 (-) Staff costs	215,414	208,809	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	8772	8,412	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	286,581	255,706	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (=) Balances carried forward	594,287	687,479	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8 Total cash and short term investments	603,458	692,175	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	3,195,669	3,208,622	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the council as at 31 March
10 Total borrowings	51,920	46,160	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11 (If Applicable) Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	YES YES	YES YES	(if applicable) The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures in the accounting statements above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2013 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

[Signature]

Date 03/05/2013

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

10/06/2013

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE 27

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

N. Manning

Date 24/06/2013

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

Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

The next Police Neighbourhood Panel meetings for:

[Ash Wharf](#) will take place at the **Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash.**

[Ash South & Tongham](#) will take place at **St. Pauls Church of England School, Eastside, Tongham**

[Ash Vale](#) will take place at **St. Mary's Church, Vale Road, Ash Vale.**

For up to date information and dates please visit:
<http://www.surrey.police.uk/my-neighbourhood>

Community Wardens
07901 513652 - CW Jo Packman
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Saturday 13th December

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
Shawfield Road

Green, Brown and Clear Glass.



Carrington Recreation Ground
Lysons Avenue

Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Shoes.

Coronation Gardens
Ash Hill Road

Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard, Books, Textiles and Shoes, Liquid Food and Drink Cartons.

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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