



Ash Matters

The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

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New Hedge for Council Offices



The volunteers from the Snaky Lane Community Wildlife Group

Members of a local wildlife group have recently planted a new hedge adjacent to the Council Offices of Ash Parish Council. Six volunteers from the Snaky Lane Community Wildlife Group in Ash Vale were keen to help out with the work and, after a quick site survey last autumn, selected plants and completed the planting in January. Chairman of the group, Keith Boulnois, said, *"We are very pleased to help out with this improvement to the site at the Council Offices. Ash Parish Council is very supportive of our group and it was a pleasure to be able to return this gesture of goodwill"*. The hedge is made up of a range of native plant species and is designed to improve the appearance of the site and to add to its wildlife value. Keith went on to say, *"We have chosen flowering and fruiting species that will provide valuable winter feed for birds and have included thorny plants that provide safe nesting sites. The hedge will take a few years to mature and is a great investment for the future in terms of wildlife and amenity value. Some of the species we have included produce vivid autumn colours which always help to brighten up those shortening days"*.

Snaky Lane Community Wildlife Group, which has a large local membership, manages the site in Stratford Road, in Ash Vale. Snaky Lane Wildlife Area is open to the public and visitors can enjoy the extensive wildflower meadows, the large pond with its dragonflies and stop for a relaxing break at the picnic table.

ASH in Bloom 2014

Ash Parish Council are once again holding its annual competition with the aim of making the Parish a brighter and greener place in which to live.

There are a number of different ways to enter, either yourself or why not nominate a neighbour, friend or other Parish resident into one (or more) of the different five categories. Winners will be awarded a Certificate and also receive a prize kindly donated by our competition sponsors, Duffy's Budgens.

Entry is totally FREE and judging will take place in secret during the latter part of July. The judge/s will particularly be looking for the use of environmentally friendly practices such as peat free soil, composting, water butts, wormeries etc.

All winners will be invited to attend a presentation ceremony on Friday 19th September at the Ash Centre. The five categories are 1) Best Front Garden, 2) Best Hanging Basket 3) Best Tub/Container 4) Best Garden Border and 5) Best Kept Allotment.

All entries must be submitted on an official entry form obtainable from the Ash Parish Council Office, (see the last page of "Ash Matters" for the full address, or via the council website www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk).

Closing Date for entries is **Monday 14th July 2014**



Chairman's Bit



There has been lots going on recently and through this newsletter, I would like to thank the volunteers of the Snaky Lane Wildlife group and the Ash & Blackwater Rotary Club for their partnership working with the Council.

I would also like to encourage as many “green fingered” residents to get involved with this years Ash in Bloom Competition. On the other hand, if you feel up to a fun night out and at the same time support a worthwhile local charity, why not come along to the Ash CAB Quiz evening. Full details of both of these events are in this newsletter.

Don't forget this year's Fun Day is on Saturday 12th July and more details of what to expect are on page 7 of this newsletter or online at www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

*Councillor Nigel Manning
Chairman, Ash Parish Council*

Ash and Blackwater Rotary Club



Ash and Blackwater Rotary Club are the local club of Rotary International. They are a small but very active club covering the Ash and Blackwater Valley area.

Their members pride themselves on fund-raising and supporting local causes, along with the fellowship of being part of the global rotary Organisation. Their informal approach gives members a flexibility to volunteer their skills and expertise locally, even with hectic work and home commitments.

During the year, they have been active in raising funds through their association with Ash Parish Council at Ash Fantasia, the Brass Band Concert and Ash Fun Day. During December they are active with the Rotary Christmas Float, the support of residents in the Long Acre / Shawfield Road area last year provided one of the best collections in the district, a huge THANK YOU to all those who contributed.

In conjunction with other local Rotary Clubs, they also support the “Kids Day Out” and Aldershot “Army Day” events, the Help for Hero's motor rally, Rotary Donkey Derby at King George's Field and the bi-annual “Picnic in the Park” and “Farnborough Airshow”.

The funds raised support local, national and international causes and in their 2013/14 year they have supported the Ash CAB, Farnham Food Bank, Aldershot Step-by-Step, 3 Shelter Boxes for the Philippine's “Dictionaries for Life” at Mytchett Primary School, Bumpy's Fund and their annual Travel Bursary for a student at Farnborough College.

They meet bi-weekly (2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 8pm) at the Ash Centre. Why not come along and see what they do. New members are always welcome.

Contact them on 01252 520112 (Andy) or 01252 642836 (Bruce) or e-mail secretary30377@outlook.com

More Chances to See Your History in 2014



The Ash Wardens 1943

In this special year, when the whole country is remembering the centenary of the start of the First World War, our local history museum will be holding extra events. Entry to all events is free.

There will be a special "Village Memories" weekend at the Victoria Hall. Ash Hill Road, Ash on 9th and 10th of August, from 10:00 until 16:00, when the museum will present displays on the Ash War Memorial and the first few months of the First World War, along with old photographs of the Village and Victoria Hall, maps and memorabilia.

Ash Museum is in the Cemetery Chapel, in the grounds of the Cemetery in Ash Church Road, Ash. As well as regular openings on 3rd Sunday of every month, from 2:00pm until 4:30pm. The Ash Museum will also be open for the country's Heritage Open Days on Sunday 14th September, 2:00pm until 4:40pm. All are welcome to these events, so come along, and if you have stories or memorabilia of Ash do bring them along to share with the museum's members.

Ash Citizens Advice Bureau

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17th May 2014 at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road

Starting at 7:00pm

**£10.00 per head including a
Ploughman's Supper**

Please bring your own glasses and drinks

Teams of 6 people

However if you cannot make a team do still
come along and we will make up a team on the
night



To book your place please telephone "The Bureau" on 01252 315569



Ash and District Photo Club



"My Summer"

The Ash & District Photo Club is a traditional self-help group aimed mainly at retired people who have an interest in any aspect of photography. Members from beginners to those with considerable experience are welcome. The Club meets monthly, during the afternoon, and divides the meeting into a few parts including a "how to do it" subject, a review of members pictures on a chosen theme and time for problems, gossip and show off.

For the "how to do it" subjects members are encouraged to give a short, informal, talk on a subject in which they have an interest. Care is taken to balance these subjects across the range of experience in the club. Each month they select a subject for a picture review.



"Tempting and Tantalising"

Members are encouraged to take up to three photos of a subject chosen by the group at the previous meeting. At the following meeting the club will look at the results and talk about any issues or ideas that were found or used. These pictures do not have to be perfect. This is not a competition and present one that went wrong could provide as much useful knowledge to the group as a perfect one.

Recent subjects have included, "My Summer", "Something beginning with O" and "Tempting and Tantalising". They have also introduced a "Talk-About" subject where a member volunteers to show and describe three or four pictures that they found interesting or have influenced their lives.



"Something beginning with O"

The Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the rear hall of the Victoria Hall (back door in the car park), Ash hill Road, Ash from 2pm until 4pm. Please contact Jane or Glyn Morgan on 01252 311498 for more details.

Energy Saving Light Bulb Disposal

What do you do with spent energy saving light bulbs and fluorescent tubes*?



Well! Following Ash Parish Council reaching an agreement with Guildford Borough Council spent energy saving lights bulbs and fluorescent tubes* can now be left at the Reception Desk, The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash Surrey during office hours (Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 16:00). Ash Parish Council will arrange for the bulbs and tubes to be collected by Guildford Borough Council who will arrange disposal in the correct manner.

*Please note however that we cannot accept fluorescent tubes over 2ft in length due to storage space or broken bulbs or tubes due to safety reasons.

For more information re this recycling scheme please contact Ash parish Council on 01252 328287 or e-mail office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

The Ash Centre

Since the last edition of *Ash Matters* there have been a number of exciting new features available for Ash Centre users. Firstly following a number of requests from various users the Ash Centre now has **FREE** Public Access WiFi available for users of the Ash Centre. The service is available to all users of the Ash Centre attending a confirmed booking or meeting.



Users will require a laptop or other wireless enabled device (for example a smartphone or tablet) and the connection can be made using a standard internet browser, no additional software is required. All users will be given a unique user name and password for the duration of the booking at the Ash Centre. All users must agree to comply with the *Ash Parish Council Public WiFi Terms and Conditions* before logging onto the system.

By the time that you receive this newsletter the Main Hall at the Ash Centre should have had brand new lighting installed. New energy saving LED lights have been installed to replacing the old very energy consuming existing lights. These new lights as well as consuming less electricity will give a more evenly spread light throughout the hall, ideal for badminton and other functions. They are also more “user friendly”, whereby the lights will be capable of being switched on and off at will, rather than waiting for a warming up period when turning on and also a cooling down period, before the lights can be switched back on again following switching off.



Stage layout similar to the one that Ash Parish Council are obtaining

Finally the Ash Centre has now taken delivery of a portable staging system and this will be available to all Hall hirers at a small nominal cost. This modular staging can cover an area of up to approximately 13½ square metres and takes about 25 minutes to construct. It can be built to various different layouts and can also be multi tiered. Hall users can now book the staging at the time of making a formal booking at the Ash Centre

SPECIAL OFFER

Discount on Ash Centre Bookings

Ash Parish Council are currently offering for a limited time a **10% discount** (*terms and conditions apply*) on the cost of a hall or room booking at the Ash Centre. To obtain the discount please quote “10% discount” at the time of booking and the discount will apply to all **NEW** occasional bookings and for the first 3 bookings of any **NEW** regular booking booked before 30th September 2014.

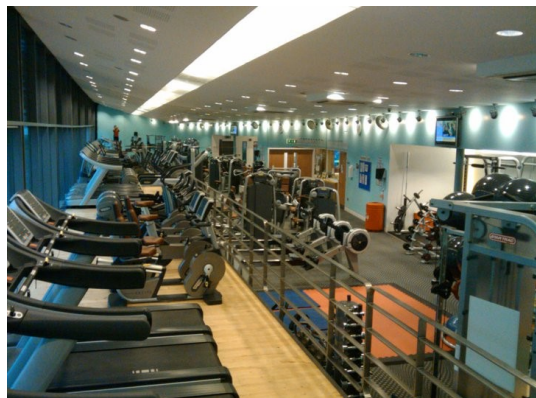
For more information on any of the above, please contact Ash Parish Council on 01252 328287 or e-mail office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk.



The new LED lights being installed in the Main Hall



Operated by Freedom Leisure on behalf of Guildford Borough Council



Gym Overview

Ash Manor Sports Centre is a community based gym and sports facility located within the grounds of Ash Manor School. The centre offers a broad range of activities to suit all ages and abilities including the gym, sports hall, an all weather pitch and an extensive group exercise programme.

The Centre's team provide a friendly and social atmosphere, working to improve our community's health and well being. The staff and children who attend Ash Manor School use a number of the Centre's facilities and they aim to make physical activity enjoyable for them, their families and the rest of their customers.

The full sized 3G all-weather pitch is ideal for 11-a-side and 5-a-side football and welcomes teams all year round. The 4 court

sports hall also accommodates indoor football, badminton, basketball, trampolining and netball. They also offer a variety of children's courses, activities and clubs on a termly basis, suitable for all abilities. These include all those mentioned above, plus gymnastics and karate.

The state-of-the art gym offers a wide choice of memberships, all tailored to suit their customers needs. A "pay as you train" option is available for those who use the facilities less regularly. The top of the range gym equipment includes cardio vascular and resistance machines, all supplied by Technogym. Whatever your circumstances their well trained professional staff are always on hand to talk you through your individual requirements to achieve your fitness goals. For those who would like more guidance and motivation, they also offer personal training.

Group exercise classes run everyday of the week and include all the favourites such as Zumba - the latin-inspired high energy dance workout, Spinning - a great cardio vascular workout on a stationary bike and Yoga - perfect for building strength and flexibility whilst de-stressing. Classes are a great option for those who enjoy a livelier atmosphere and a more social approach to working out.



All weather 3G Pitches



Group Yoga class

During the School holidays Koosa Kids run the Centre's holiday clubs for ages 4 - 13 years, from 8:15am until 6:00pm (shorter days are available). There are a host of fun activities on offer ranging from football, hockey, cricket, go karts, drama, painting, clay moulding and much, much more. The Centre is also able to provide children's birthday parties to include any of the activities offered at the Ash Manor Sports Centre. For more information on Ash Manor Sports Centre or to enquire about any of their activities please contact 01252 325484 or visit the

website at www.ashmanorsportscentre.co.uk

Ash Fun Day 2014

Ash Fun Day 2014 is to be held on Saturday 12th July 2014, at the Ash centre and Ash Recreation Ground, and once again we are planning to provide a full afternoon's entertainment. At the time of going to press as well as all the usual stalls, fun, games and Art and Craft Show, we already have a number of confirmed bookings for the Central Arena. This year making a welcome return following the tremendous success of 2013 are the Oku Nojo Daiko Japanese Drummers, who will once again be welcoming some audience participation. Also making a welcome return after a break of a number of years are the Henfold Birds of Prey.



Oku Nojo Daiko Japanese Drummers

This year for the first time the Central Arena will also be home to a number of different children's races, including egg and spoon, three legged and so on. (*Items still subject to change*). Another group making a welcome return after a break of a year will be a display of Classic Cars.



Honey the Eagle Owl from the Henfold Birds of Prey

The outside broadcast unit of Frimley Park Radio will be providing music and commentary throughout the afternoon. The Ash and Blackwater Rotary Club will be manning the Beer and Wine Tent and the Mothers Union will be providing refreshments throughout the afternoon. Finally outside there will be the usual mix of stalls offering items for sale, tombolas, games and much, much more.

Inside the Ash Centre there will be the open show classes for Flowers, Vegetables, Flower Arranging, Craft and Baking, with many different classes to suit everyone including a special children's class. All Certificate winners will be



The Classic "Cars"

invite to a special presentation evening during September.

Please keep visiting our web site www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

for full up to minute information, including an application form for the open classes. Alternatively contact Ash Parish Council on 01252 328287.

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 Newsletter, and published on the Council Website, www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/Council/Events

Further information call also be obtained by telephoning 01252 328287

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Contact Numbers

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** on Tuesday 13th May 2014.

[Ash South & Tongham](#) will take place at **St. Pauls Church of England School, Eastside, Tongham** on Monday 9th June 2014.

[Ash Vale](#) will take place at **St. Mary's Church, Vale Road, Ash Vale** Wednesday 21st May 2014

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

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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 Cartons 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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