



# Ash Matters

## *The Ash Parish Council Newsletter*

Issue Three 2014



### **The Friary Guildford Brass Band Christmas Concert**



*The Friary Guildford Brass Band Concert 2013 under the baton of Chris King*

Residents will be delighted to know that following the very successful concert by the Friary Guildford Brass Band last November, the band has already been booked again for this year. This year the concert will be held on Saturday 13th December, at the Ash Centre, and will be a Christmas Concert with a number of popular and festive carols.

Once again the Ash and Blackwater Valley Rotary Club are sponsoring the event with all proceeds from the night going to the Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice. So far in 2014 the Band have already been crowned the Senior Trophy Champions, at the Spring Festival in Blackpool and they have also won an entertainment contest in Crawley with band member Richard Straker taking the best soloist award.

Tickets for the event will be £10.00 and will be on sale from 1st August 2014. The concert will once again be "Admission by Ticket". Tickets will be limited in number and will therefore be sold on a "first come, first served" basis. There will be a raffle and refreshments available during the evening.

For more information please contact the Parish office on 01252 328287, or e-mail [office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) or check out the Parish Council website [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) or twitter [@ashpcsurrey](https://twitter.com/ashpcsurrey)

## Chairman's Bit



I am disappointed to report that dog fouling is still continuing around our neighbourhood, despite warnings and advice given in our first newsletter of the year. Reports show that The Old Farm Place development, off Lakeside Road is one of the current problem areas. The Guildford Borough Council Dog Warden will be targeting this and other areas throughout the Parish and irresponsible dog owners will receive a £50 penalty or face prosecution. Residents who witness dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs, should report



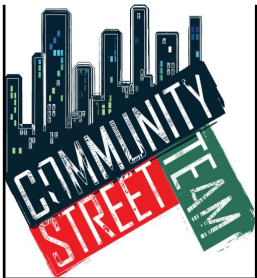
it to the Dog Warden on **01483 444765**; all calls will be dealt with confidentially.

On a more cheerful note may I remind residents that the Guildford Summer Festival continues until 15th August. So whether your interest is in music, drama, sport, or taking part in community events I am sure that there is something for you to enjoy. More information can be found at [www.guildfordsummerfestival.co.uk](http://www.guildfordsummerfestival.co.uk) or [summerfestival@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:summerfestival@guildford.gov.uk).

Finally as part of the World War I commemorations, Ash Parish Council will be holding a service of rededication of the war memorial, in Ash Hill Road, on Sunday 10th August. More details are in this newsletter and I look forward to seeing as many residents as possible on what I hope is a very special day.

*Councillor Nigel Manning  
Chairman, Ash Parish Council*

## Ash, Ash Vale & Tongham Community Street Team



Have you seen the Community Street Team in their distinctive fluorescent jackets and blue rucksacks? Have you wondered what they carry in those rucksacks? Well they carry a flask with either hot or cold water (depending on the time of year!), together with chocolate drinks or squash. They also have their clipboard and pens, mobile phone, teaspoons (for stirring the drinks), tissues, emergency phone numbers and a torch!

What do they do? They “network” (i.e. talk and listen to anyone they meet), particularly the young people of our village. They can take on board requests for assistance (from anyone); they “signpost” especially to the Youth Centre programme of events. They attempt to provide a link between all sections of the community. Their “Mission Statement” is to: Bridge The Intergenerational Gap.

What do the Community Street Team get from the project apart from the obvious pride in doing something to help our Village? They make friends with team members who they would possibly never have met! They also get to enjoy some relaxing fresh air, and a great feeling of “well-being”. This is a very rewarding opportunity to give something back to local society.

Would you like to join the Community Street Team? Not every member of the Team actually “venture out”. Some members act as most valued “back office support” by providing a telephone contact between members, some are on the Management Team and some organise their rotas etc. They all try to give 1 hour per week to the Team, but this is on a “suit yourself basis”. If you would like further details about the team please call Pat Scott on 01252 324941 or e-mail [scott.lpd@btinternet.com](mailto:scott.lpd@btinternet.com).

# ASH FLORAL CLUB

PRESENTS

## Whatever the Weather'

A COMPETITIVE FLORAL SHOW

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

**12 – 4.30 pm**

(prize giving 4 pm)

**VICTORIA HALL, ASH HILL ROAD  
ASH, GU12 5DN**

**Lunches, Teas, Tombola, Sales Stalls**

**Admission £3.00**

**Enquiries: 01252 325155**

### Ash Floral Club

The club has been in Ash for over thirty years. It celebrated its 30th anniversary a few years ago with a Pearl Afternoon Tea - a light hearted affair in a member's garden. The club has always been keen to try new initiatives to stay interesting and lively. They enter competitions, run workshops, visit gardens, and in the past couple of years they have run a series of Saturday morning classes which have proved very popular. Their Christmas workshops are usually very popular too. They are a fairly small club (about 35 members) and very friendly group which meets once a month on the Second Monday at the Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road, Ash.

The monthly demonstration starts at 7:30 and the doors open at 7:00 for those who want go early and have a chat or pick up something from the sales table. There is



*An Ash Floral Club exhibit at the Guildford Cathedral Flower Festival*

an interval with tea and biscuits and a further opportunity to chat! They always welcome new members and guests whether to see what the club are about or those who already have some flower arranging experience.



*An exhibit from a recent floral show*

It only costs £4 to go as a guest for the evening. If you are looking for a new interest and would like to give it a try, do come along on one second Monday of the month., (though not in August as that is when there is a garden visit instead of the usual club night). Alternatively, visit the October Show and see what Ash Floral Club do, and maybe take the opportunity to have a light lunch or tea and homemade cake. The monthly demonstrations are usually entertaining and full of useful ideas. The arrangements are raffled off so there is also the possibility of having some beautiful flowers to take home.

## Ash War Memorial

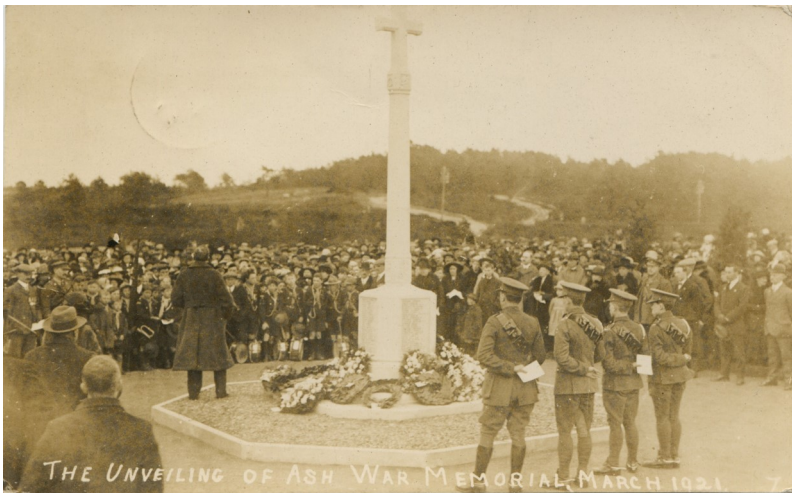
On Monday 15th November 1918 the Ash War Memorial Committee held its first meeting in the Victoria Hall for the purpose of erecting a memorial to those who fell during the war. Three public meetings were held, the first being on 30th December 1918. About 40 people attended and agreed that the memorial would take the form of a monument.

A meeting on 18th June 1919 accepted Mr Isaac Field's offer of the site in Ash Hill Road. Mr Field's son Ernest being one of those who had died. Harold Falkner, of West Street, Farnham, was selected as architect, his fee being 15 guineas. The Memorial was made and erected by Sydney C Mardles Memorial Works in Fleet. The memorial and letting cost £317.00.



*The Unveiling of the Ash War Memorial March 1921 \*.*

The majority of the money came from subscriptions. The Committee sent a letter appealing for funds to every house in the Parish. With this letter was a form that could be completed with the details of men (and women) who had been killed so that a list could be compiled.



*The unveiling ceremony after the laying of wreaths \*.*

The Ash War Memorial was unveiled at an impressive ceremony that took place on Easter Sunday 27th March 1921. The Tongham Band played as Lady Napier and Sir Walter Napier arrived between lines of the 2nd Ash Scout Troop and the Ash Comrades. The service itself opened with the hymn "Fight the Good Fight", and the Reverend Lacey of St Mary's Church mentioned the names of all 112 who died in the Great War in the first prayer.

The Reverend Lacey dedicated the memorial and Lady Napier unveiled it. Mrs MacKay placed a wreath at its foot and Colonel S Longhurst followed with a large wreath from the Ash Comrades, about 80 of whom were

present. Sir Walter Napier then gave an inspiring address, remembering not only those who died but also those who returned, some of them maimed for life.

The Reverend Lacy said a final prayer, which was followed by the Blessing. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by trumpeters of the 13th Hussars. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem. Most members of Ash Parish Council were present along with the Memorial Committee and Reverend Lambrick of St Peter's Church. The united choirs of St Peter's and St Mary's and the two Ash Chapels led the singing.

A further unveiling ceremony was held on 20th June 1948 when the names of a further 36 names from World War II were added to the Memorial. A further two names were added in 1986 and 1999. Many more photos and details of individual names listed are on show at various exhibitions around the Parish, including Ash Museum, the Victoria Hall and also the Ash Centre. Please check out [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) for full details

## 1914 - 1918 Remembered



*The War Memorial today taken from the same position as the lower photo on the previous page.*

Following the recent restoration of the Ash War Memorial, Ash Parish Council will be holding a War Memorial Rededication Ceremony on Sunday 10th August. At the time of going to press the final details of this ceremony are still being formalised. For the most up to date information please refer to the Ash Parish Council website [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk). The intention is for a parade up Ash Hill Road from the Ash Centre, following which there will be a service of rededication led by members of the local clergy at the War Memorial. This service will include a reading out of the names of the fallen, from both the 1914 - 1918 and 1939 - 1945 conflicts.

A lone bugler will play both the Last Post and Reveille to start and finish a period of silence. Following the service there will be

a parade back to the Ash Centre where light refreshments will be available.

Ash Parish Council will, by the time that this newsletter is delivered, have contacted as many relatives of the fallen whose details are known to Ash Museum to formally invite them to the Rededication Service, as special guests of the Council. However if you are a relative, or know someone who is a relative, of one of those listed on the Memorial, for either conflict, and have not received an invite, please do contact the Ash Parish Council office on 01252 328287 or e-mail [office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) with your full details so that a formal invite can be issued.

Ash Parish Council would like to thank Sally Jenkinson, the curator of Ash Museum, for providing the background and photographs marked \* for this feature.

## Village Memories

Village Memories is a two day event taking place on the 9th and 10th of August 2014 at the Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road, Ash, between 10:00am and 4:00pm. The displays will include John and Peter Cody's



*Fairs were held annually on the green outside the Greyhound every June until 1914. Then they stopped for the First World War and never resumed. This picture was taken in 1912.*

collection of Cody Kites and Posters; the Ash War Memorial; the first few months of the First World War; the History of the Victoria Hall; the History of Tongham; Ash Museum's Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green photos collection; and an original painting of a Dartford Warbler by Terence Lambert.

There will be objects from the 1920's and 1960's to handle, uniforms to see, films to watch and children's activities. Take your own photos, stories and memorabilia to share. **FREE** admission. Refreshments will be available.



## Scams and Swindles

Have you ever been told that you've won a prize draw? Or that you will unlock a cash prize by buying something or sending some cash? If so, you could be one of the thousands of people in Surrey who have been targeted by criminal gangs trying to con you.

These criminal gangs persuade people to send them money by telling them they have won a prize that doesn't exist. Many people are conned out of money over a long period of time.

You might even have been a victim of this type of scam yourself, in which case you should contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 040506 where you can report this type of fraud.

If you, suspect that someone is the victim of one of these scams, please step in to encourage them not to send any money. There are a few signs that you should keep an eye out for;

- Do they receive a lot of junk mail?
- Their house might be full of cheap looking goods such as jewellery and health products.
- They might become secretive when discussing finances with you.

You can get hold of a free sticker and information pack that can be used to remind people not to give their money away at the moment they might be about to fall victim to a scam. Find out how to get your hands on these by visiting [www.surreycc.gov.uk/scammail](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/scammail) or follow [@surreyts](https://twitter.com/surreyts) on Twitter. You can also call 03456 009009 to request a pack.

Another type of scam can occur where the scammers target vulnerable people with the offer of £1,000 worth of kitchen vouchers. The hard sell begins when two "sales representatives" call at the subject's house and remain there for several hours until the subject resigns themselves and signs up for a new kitchen. The small print reveals that not only has the subject agreed to an extortionate amount of money for very little in return BUT they have also signed up to a loan agreement without his/her knowledge, which more than doubled the stated cost. The person can also be asked for a large deposit to be paid by credit card.

The above did actually happen to a resident in Surrey but he had second thoughts and sought rapid help. There was a 7 day cooling off period and it was possible to have the agreement cancelled. Local Trading Standards officers are now investigating the Company involved, as other similar complaints have been received.

As a general rule if you want work carried out at home it is far better to approach a firm of your own choosing rather than from one that cold calls or makes an offer that sounds too good to be true.

**If anyone feels worried by a firm contacting them in this way or thinks that they may have signed up for something they do not want, they should immediately seek help from the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 0040506.**



**Don't do Nothing!**



If doing nothing has been your response to criminal activities then it doesn't have to be. You can use Crimestoppers anonymously to pass on information using their safe and secure phone number and on line secure form. Crimestoppers have operated now for over 26 years they guarantee the anonymity of all callers and users. In fact even they don't know who calls them as they don't trace or record calls or ip addresses. Trained call handlers sanitise any information given to them removing any details that could possibly be used as identification, for example your relationship as a neighbour, colleague, friend or family member. All that is left, the facts on the crime or criminal, are then passed to Surrey Police, 24/7, for them to assess and take action.

Surrey Police can't do their job without information about what is happening. So be a good citizen, **don't do nothing**, help Surrey be safer and give information anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) and use the online secure form.

## **Glutton Machines Will Keep Streets Clean**



*The Glutton Street Cleaner*

Guildford Borough Council has recently purchased 3 Glutton street sweepers. In partnership with Ash Parish Council, one of the machines is permanently based in Ash and it is operated by Parish staff on a day to day basis. A Glutton is a hand held machine, similar to a vacuum cleaner which sucks up leaves, cigarette ends, even dog mess. It is environmentally friendly as it runs off a rechargeable battery and it is virtually silent which makes it ideal to use in residential areas. Statistics show that a Glutton is 5 times more efficient than manual sweeping. Look out for it on our roads and streets.



*A member of Parish Ground staff putting the Glutton through its paces.*

## **Dates for your 2014 Diary**

Ash Fun Day, Saturday 12th July

Ash in Bloom Judging, during July

War Memorial Rededication Service, Sunday 10th August

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](http://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](#) take place at the **Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash.**

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

[Ash Vale](#) 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**  
**07769 642053 - CW Lesley Telford**

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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](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk)

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