



Ash Matters

The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

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NOT JUST 1 BUT 2



2015 will see not just ONE concert but TWO full concerts by the Friary Guildford Brass Band and one of these concerts will be absolutely FREE for everyone.

The first of these concerts will be held during the Picnic in the Park to be held on Saturday 12th September from 3:00pm until 6:00pm at the Ash Recreation Ground, Ash Hill Road, Ash, with the Concert starting at 3:30 pm. As Saturday 12th is also the day of *BBC's Last Night of the Proms*, there will be a *Last Night of the Proms* theme to the concert!

Bring your **own seating, food and drink**. Entry to the Picnic in the Park will be FREE for everyone, tickets for this event are NOT required.



The second concert is to be held on Saturday 21st November from 7:30pm at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash and will be a traditional indoor concert. Please note that the original date for this concert has been changed, as the Friary Guildford Brass Band have been invited to perform at the most famous entertainment contest in the world, Brass in Concert. Ash Parish Council would like to wish the Band all the best for this contest.



It is anticipated that this traditional concert will have a Film and TV theme, with possibly a hint of Christmas to come. The concert is once again being sponsored by our friends at the Ash and Blackwater Valley Rotary Club and all proceeds from this concert will go to charity. Entry will be by ticket (available from the Ash Centre from 1st September), with all tickets costing £10.00 each. Tickets will be limited so please do apply early. There will also be a raffle during the evening.

At the time of going to press the final details of both of these concerts by the Guildford Friary Brass Band are still being finalised, for up to date information please visit www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk or phone 01252 328287.



Chairman's Bit



It has come to my attention that, in recent months some of the street lighting lamp posts which are owned and maintained by the Parish Council have been severely damaged. As the individuals who have caused this damage have not been reported or identified, the costs for the repairs cannot be recuperated from them; instead it is the Parish Rate payer (which is you) who picks up the cost of replacement and repairs through increased Council Tax. For example, to illustrate what this means, recent damage caused to two street lights in Manfield Road, is going to cost the Parish Council in excess of £3,000.00 to repair. So my message to you is, if you witness similar damage to street lights or any other kind of street furniture, please report it to Surrey Police on the 101 number or contact the Parish Council Office. We can give anonymity if requested.

In line with the above and to help keep our village and surrounding area a clean and pleasant place to live, please report details of all broken and damaged street lights, water leaks, graffiti, vandalism, abandoned cars, litter etc. to the Parish Office on 01252 328287. Our staff will be happy to

take the details from you and report them to the correct agencies and authorities and get the necessary actions and repairs done.

*Nigel Manning
Chairman, Ash Parish Council*

Ash in Bloom 2015 - Open Classes



Notwithstanding that there will not be a Fun Day this year, Ash Parish Council are still holding the traditional open classes. This year the Ash in Bloom show classes competition will be held as a "stand alone" event on Saturday 22nd August. Exhibits can be handed into the Ash Centre from 11:00am on the morning. Judging will take place from 12:30pm and the public will be allowed to view the classes from 1:00pm, or after the judging finishes.

There are 21 classes in total;

Flowers - potted geranium, dahlia, cut flowers and sweet peas;

Vegetables - potatoes, runner beans, carrots, cherry tomatoes, strawberries and bouquet garni;

Flower Arranging - "Dinner for 2", "My favourite things" and "Recycle and reuse";

Craft - A hand made gift, a knitted or crocheted outfit for a 12 ins doll, a photo of local wildlife and a photo of "Lets Get Moving" and finally;

Baking - A quiche, carrot cake, apple pie and shortbread.

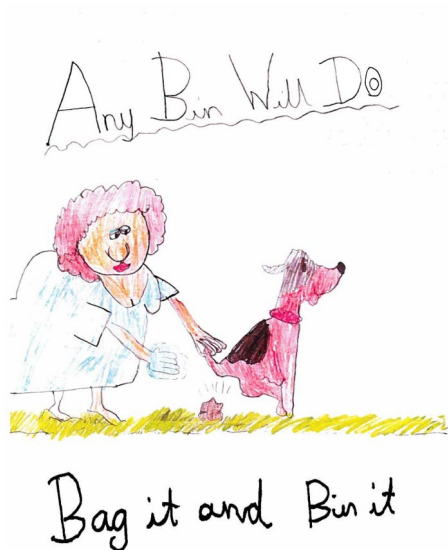
There is no restriction on the number of classes that you may enter, so you may enter as many different classes as you like.

Full class details and instructions, together with entry forms can be obtained from www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk, or by telephoning 01252 328287 or directly from the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash. Certificate winners will be invited to receive their certificates at the Ash in Bloom Presentation Evening to be held on Friday 18th September at the Ash Centre.



*Flower Arranging exhibits from Fun Day
2014*

Parents - Be AWARE



Designed by Joshua, age 9
St Thomas of Canterbury School



bins. People who leave bagged dog waste on the ground, in the bushes or trees are committing the offence of leaving litter. This too carries a £50 penalty, but in Court the fines can be up to **£2,500**. Dog walkers are warned to be VIGILANT and not to become distracted by phones or other things. Dog walkers should always carry several bags - just in case.

Any person wishing to report those who do not clean up after their dogs can do so by calling the Dog Warden on 01483 444765 or by logging onto Guildford Borough Council website and using the report forms on there.

Ash Museum Quiz Night

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 24th October 2015 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



Meet Your Parish Councillors



Councillor Nigel Manning - Ash Vale Ward

Nigel is both a Parish and Borough Councillor and has lived in the Parish for 25 years. Nigel has been Chairman of Ash Parish Council since 2002. He has been responsible for leading the transformation in the range and quality of services that the Parish Council now provides.



Councillor Marsha Moseley - Ash Vale Ward

Marsha has been a Parish and Borough Councillor since 1999 and since 2006 has also been a Surrey County Council Councillor. Marsha is currently Chairman of the Planning Committee. Marsha served as the Mayor of Guildford during 2010/11.



Councillor Laurence Armes - Ash Vale Ward

Laurence has lived in the Parish, with his wife for over 17 years and has been a Parish Councillor for the past 8 years. Laurence is the current Vice Chairman of the Finance and Administration committee and is also a member of the Planning Committee.



Councillor John Tonks - Ash Vale Ward

John has lived in Ash Vale for 4 years, but has lived locally since birth. He lives with his wife and young son. John loves that Ash has its own local identity with the central village and believes in straight talking and common sense. John is also a member of the Amenities Committee.



Councillor Bill Cole - Ash Wharf Ward

Bill has lived with wife Jenny in Ash for many years. Bill has returned for a third stint as Parish councillor and is very keen to become involved in the Parish again and hopes to improve the facilities for all Parish residents. Bill is a member of the Planning and Finance and Administration Committee.



Councillor Andrew Gomm - Ash Wharf Ward

Andrew commutes daily to work in South West London and has lived in Ash with his wife for the past 8 years. He loves the local area and is keen to ensure the village remains a pleasant place to live with the amenities and facilities to meet all needs. Andrew wants to make sure the village does not have overdevelopment, particularly on greenfield sites. He is involved with the Amenities and Planning committees.

Meet Your Parish Councillors - continued



Councillor Jayne Hewlett - Ash Wharf Ward

Jayne has lived in Ash for 16 years. She was a Guildford Borough Councillor for 12 years (standing down in May 2015). She has been a Parish councillor for the last 12 years. Jayne is currently Chairman of the Amenities Committee and is a member of a number of voluntary organisations within the local community.



Councillor Pat Scott - Ash Wharf Ward

Pat has lived in Ash for over 40 years and is well known locally. She has been a member of The Scouts since 1980, running her own Cub Pack, and was a Deputy District Commissioner. Pat is the Chair of the Community Street Team, and Vice chair of the Citizens Advice Trustee Board. She is a volunteer at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice shop, and a member of U3A. Pat continues to be a member of the Finance and Administration Committee.



Councillor Martin Burgess - Ash South Ward

Martin has been living in South Ash for around 10 years, with both children attending local schools in the Parish. He is on the amenities committee for the council and is very keen to preserve our parks and green spaces. This is his first time on the council and enjoys being involved in the issues that affect our village.



Councillor Nigel Kears - Ash South Ward

Nigel Kears lives in Hazel Road, Ash Green. He has a keen interest in local planning issues and protecting our community from inappropriate development in particular. He believes that serving the community as a councillor is a positive step that ensures all the residents have a representative who both understands their concerns and is prepared to work on their behalf to ensure our community is protected moving forward. Nigel is a member of the Planning Committee.



Councillor Jo Randall - Ash South Ward

Jo has lived in Southlands Close for over 10 years. She has been a Parish Councillor for 8 years and recently was elected as a Borough Councillor. Jo is vice chairman of the Parish's Planning Committee and is also a member of the Finance and Administration Committee.



Councillor Paul Spooner - Ash Rowan Ward

Paul has lived in Ash for 21 years, and is also a Borough Councillor with lead responsibility for Planning across the Borough. He is Club Secretary of Mytchett Athletic following seven years as Chairman. Paul is Vice Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee and a member of the Amenities Committee.

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service



This year's Ash Parish Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will be held on 8th November. As in previous years the Parade will set off from the Ash Centre at 10:35, and will be led by a lone piper and the Union Flag. The Parade will include Ash Parish Councillors, members of the armed forces, uniformed organisations and various veterans. It is also hoped, subject to any official commitments, Surrey Heath MP Michael Gove will also be attending.

This year we will continue to honour the fallen during the 1914 - 1918 conflict by reading out the names of the fallen who died between November 1914 and November 1915 during the Service.

Following the Service the congregation will parade back to the Ash Centre where tea and coffee will be available following the dismissal of the Parade. For full details either go to www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk or telephone 01252 328287.

Christmas Fantasia 2015



*Fantasia 2014 on Ash Wharf
Picture by Neil Bidwell*

Christmas Fantasia 2015 will be on Saturday **28th November**. The event will start at 2:00pm in the Ash Centre with the now traditional Christmas Fair, with its many tombola's, games and raffles. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

From 4:30pm there will be Community Carol singing on Ash Wharf, with the music being provided by the Ash Vale Ensemble, who get together every year just for Fantasia.

Father Christmas, accompanied by a small band of helpers, hopes to arrive at 5:00pm to switch on the Christmas tree lights, following the traditional countdown. After the light switching on ceremony, mulled wine and mince pies

will be available at the Ash Centre.

Everyone welcome. For more information, including booking a stall for the Christmas Fair, relating to Christmas Fantasia please phone 01252 328287 or e-mail office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk. Or visit www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk.

Ashes Good Neighbours



A day in the life of an Ashes Good Neighbour;

Today I am “on duty” for the **Ashes Good Neighbours**. I am armed with the designated mobile phone, a folder of information and a list of clients and volunteers. The phone rings almost as soon as I turn it on at 10am. An elderly lady who is a regular caller asks if she can be taken to her fortnightly church group in a couple of days’ time. I duly make notes and tell her I will call back before the end of the day with some details.

Another client, Mrs T, tells me she has used us before to go to the doctor, but now needs some help to get to a hospital appointment, and she is very sorry but is there any possibility someone could help her into the hospital and wait as she has a temporary

mobility problem?

A third caller is the daughter of a widowed local gentleman who she feels is rather isolated at home alone without transport. Is there anyone who would be willing to take him to the shops occasionally as there is no bus service where he lives?

Our group of Volunteers provides transport and other assistance to local people in the Ash area who need some extra help occasionally, be it a lift to an appointment, help with shopping or even a cup of tea and a chat. All of the Volunteer drivers use their own cars, are trained and make themselves available as and when they can for just these sort of ‘jobs’.

Others like myself, volunteer as duty officer, perhaps once or twice a month, in order to man the phone from 10am to 12am on weekdays and speak to our clients.

Once 12am is past and I am no longer taking calls for the day, I need to contact appropriate volunteer drivers and helpers from my list, who may be able to fulfil today’s requests. This can take a while, but usually by the end of the day it is possible to call the clients back and tell them who will be collecting them for their appointment/visit and that the volunteer will call them on that day to confirm all is as planned.

In the 2 ½ years we have been fully up and running we have completed over **1100** jobs, so we are sure we are fulfilling a need within our community. It is not a difficult or large commitment from a volunteer point of view, whether a driver or a duty officer, but I think all Ashes volunteers will agree it is a rewarding one.

Ashes Good Neighbours – for clients or new volunteers – please call 07790 457632, 10am to 12am Monday to Friday.

Dates for your 2015 Diary

Ash in Bloom Judging, during July

Picnic in the Park, Saturday 12th September

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service, Sunday 8th November

Brass Band Concert, Saturday 21st November

Christmas Fantasia, Saturday 28th November

As always, full details of these and any other events will be printed in *Ash Matters* or displayed on the Parish Council website; www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk.

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Surrey safer

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

Dates for your 2015 Diary Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

Sunday 8th November

Brass Band Concert

Saturday 21st November 2015

Christmas Fantasia

Saturday 28th November

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

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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