



Ash Matters

The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

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Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service



The 2014 Ash Parish Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will be on 9th November. The Parade from the Ash Centre will be led by a lone piper and the Union Flag which this year will be carried by representatives from St John Ambulance. The Parade will include Ash Parish Councillors, uniformed organisations, various veterans. It is also hoped, subject to official commitments, that Surrey Heath MP Michael Gove will also be attending.

The Parade will leave the Ash Centre at 10:35. This year to honour the fallen the names of those listed on the war memorial who died in 1914 will be read out during the service.

Following the service the congregation will parade back to the Ash Centre where tea and coffee will be available following the parade dismissal.

The Friary Guildford Brass Band Christmas Concert

The Friary Guildford Brass Band will be performing a Christmas Concert at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill



Shooting Star Chase
Children's Hospice Care



Road, Ash on Saturday 13th December starting at 7:30pm. Tickets for the concert are now on sale from the Ash Centre at a cost of £10 per ticket. (Please note we can only accept cash

or cheques in payment). Tickets will be limited in number so they are on a "first come, first served" basis.

The concert is being sponsored by the Ash and Blackwater Valley Rotary Club and all proceeds will go to the



The Friary Guildford Brass Band Concert in November 2013

Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice. The final programme is still in the process of being put together but we are assured by the Band that there will be plenty of "Seasonal Music" with some audience participation!

Refreshments will be available during the interval and there will also be a raffle again with all proceeds going to the Shooting Star Children's Hospice.

If last years concert was anything to go by, this Christmas Concert should really get everyone into the Christmas Spirit, so even if you have never been to a Brass Band concert why not get yourself a ticket and come along on Saturday 13th December.

Full ticket details are available from the Ash Centre. Full contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Chairman's Bit



Through this newsletter, I would like to congratulate all the participants and winners in this year's Ash in Bloom competition, very well done to you all. I would also like to congratulate all the volunteers of the Snaky Lane Wildlife Group for their fantastic success in the South and South East in Bloom competition. The Group was awarded a level 5, the highest award achievable in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in "Its Your Neighbourhood" category. The judge was overwhelmed with what he saw and described the area as "**Outstanding in every aspect**". If you haven't been to see this wonderful green oasis, which is in our community, please take the opportunity to do so; you won't be disappointed. More information can be found at www.blackwater-valley.org.uk/snaky_lane.

Looking ahead, we have Christmas Fantasia on 29th November when Father Christmas comes to Ash to switch on the lights on the Christmas tree. Then on Saturday 13th December the Guildford Friary Brass Band make a welcome return to Ash for a Christmas themed concert in aid of the Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice. More information about these events can be found in this newsletter.

*Councillor Nigel Manning
Chairman, Ash Parish Council*

Christmas Fantasia 2014

Christmas Fantasia 2014 will be held on Saturday **29th November**, please note the change from the usual first Saturday of December. The event starts at 2:00pm in the Ash Centre with the usual Christmas Fair, with stalls, tombola's, games and raffles. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

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



*Fantasia 2013 on Ash Wharf
Picture by Neil Bidwell*

Father Christmas, accompanied by a small band of helpers will arrive (subject to Rudolph and his friends keeping to schedule) at 5:00pm and will following the traditional countdown switch on the Christmas Tree lights. Following the lights switching-on ceremony, mulled wine and mince pies will be available at the Ash Centre.



One of the many stalls at Fantasia 2013

Everyone is welcome. For more information relating to any aspect of Christmas Fantasia please contact Ash Parish Council on 01252 328287 or e-mail office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk. Also keep referring to the Parish Website www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk for more up to date information.

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Ash in Bloom 2014

The Ash in Bloom presentation evening on Friday 19th September brought to an end **Ash in Bloom 2014**. Once again residents took up the challenge of producing prize winning entries, with some fantastic results, especially in the Best Front Garden and Best Hanging Basket categories.

As with previous years prize winners were invited to the “Oscar” style awards ceremony with over 70 people attending on the night. The certificates and prizes once again being kindly donated by Mike and Jane Duffy of Duffy’s Budgens.

The certificates were presented to the lucky winners by Jane Duffy. The judging took place during July by a secret visit from our judge, The judge as always was looking at the quality of the plants, good use of colour, the important issue of sustainability and also the overall impression of the exhibit.

The Prize winners were:

Best Overall Entry

Gordon and June Haigh

Best Front Garden:

Gold - Gordon and June Haigh
Gold - David and Anne Stewart
Gold - Vashte Coutts
Silver - Olive Jones
Silver - Lily Jones
Silver - Ian and Valerie Caie
Silver - Susan DuBaree
Bronze - Richard O’Sullivan
Bronze - Christiane Maitland
Bronze - Brian and Janey Lunn
Bronze - Joan Brookes

Best Kept Allotment:

Gold - Richard Stevens
Silver - Robert Anderson
Silver - Geoff Ace

Best Hanging Baskets:

Gold - Brian Coutts
Bronze - Raymond Watson
Bronze - Richard O’Sullivan
Bronze - Joan Brooks
Bronze - The Victoria Hall

Best Tub/Containers:

Gold - Gary and Rachael Smith
Silver - Norma Charman
Silver - Sheila Buss
Bronze - Joan Brookes

Best Garden Border:

Bronze - Susan Dubaree
Bronze - William Dunstan



Gordon and June Haigh’s prize winning garden

We Remembered Them



The Three Standards led by the Union Flag leave the Ash Centre

Ash Parish Council remembered all the fallen from both World War I and II, at a special Service of Re-dedication held at the Ash War Memorial on Sunday 10th August 2014. Ash Parish Councillors were joined at this very special service by the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr David Elms and representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Normandy Veterans Association, the Royal Naval Association, 22 Field Hospital and 4 Armoured Medical Regiment. Representatives from St John Ambulance, the Scouts and Guiding associations were also present.

Also present at the service were a number of relatives of the fallen, who Ash Parish Council had been able to trace and contact, many having travelled long distances to be at the service.

Unfortunately on the day of the service, the remnants of Hurricane Bertha decided to hit the United Kingdom and although there was heavy rain prior to the Service and Parade, the rain did hold off (most of the time) for the actual Service itself.

The congregation gathered at the Ash Centre prior to the parade to the War Memorial. Which was led by the Union Flag carried by local resident, Fred Bridges, a Royal Signals Corps veteran. Fred was flanked by the Standards of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Veterans Association. The Standards were followed by the Chairman of Ash Parish Council, Councillor Nigel Manning, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford, Councillor David and Mrs Wendy Elms.



The Local Clergy leading the Service



The Laying of the Crosses



The Two minutes silence is observed

We Remembered Them



Cllr David Elms, Mrs Wendy Elms, Cllr Nigel Manning and Ash Parish Councillors leading the Service

The Service of Re-dedication was compiled by Reverend Keith Bristow and preformed by various members of the local clergy. This included the hymns “*I Vow to Thee my Country*” and “*Jerusalem*”. Councillor Nigel Manning read a reading from the first “*Letter of John*” and Councillor David Elms read the John McCrae poem “*In Flanders Fields*”. Lt. Colonel Southwood of 4 Armoured Medical Regiment also read “*They shall grow not old*”. The “*Last Post*” and “*Reveille*” were played by Lone Bugler Rob Funnell from the North East Hampshire Area Schools Band.

During the Service, prior to the two minutes silence, the names of all of those listed (from both

World Wars) on the War Memorial were read out by Cllr Nigel Manning, Cllr Paul Spooner and Cllr Marsha Moseley, who were joined by Max Topliss, Erica Flint and Emma Jackson. Following the reading of the names, the six readers then laid plain wooden crosses around the Memorial. These crosses having been made especially for the occasion by the Ash branch of Age UK’s “*Men in Sheds*” who are based at Shawfield Day Centre, Shawfield Road, Ash.

The Service concluded with the National Anthem and the Blessing.

The Congregation then returned back to the Ash Centre and due to the rain, assembled in the main hall of the Centre for the final section of the Parade and Service. Councillor Nigel Manning thanked everyone for attending and the Parade was then formally wards.



The organisations standards returning to the Ash Centre

dismissed by stalwart Parade Marshal Tim Ed-



Due to the weather the dismissal was held inside the Ash Centre

South and South East in Bloom

Ash Parish Council are pleased to announce that Ash in Bloom were awarded a Silver Gilt Certificate as well as “Best in Category” in the Urban Community category in South and South East in Bloom 2014. The judging took place in July with a 2½ hour tour of the Parish. The tour took in Ash Wharf, Ash Meadows, Willow Park Fisheries, the John Aides Garden and “Men in Sheds” at the Shawfield Day Centre, Ash Grange School and Harpers Road Allotments.



The 2014 Parish Hanging Baskets



Ash Wharf during the judging tour 2014

certificate in the “Blooming School” category of South and South East in Bloom

For the second year running the residents of Harpers Road, Ash entered the RHS Its Your Neighbourhood and achieved a level 2 (improving) award.

Mention should also be made of the fantastic Level 5 award in the RHS Its Your Neighbourhood achieved on their first attempt by the Snaky Lane Nature Reserve in Stratford Road, Ash Vale.

The Judges awarded a total of 155 points out of a possible 200, a substantial increase on last years total. The judges made particular mention of; the “contrasting range of horticultural schemes ranging from the manicured War Memorial to the bio diverse Ash Meadow site”; “The pub (The Lion Brewery) at Harpers Road had strong coloured planting scheme with high visual impact”. “The Memorial Garden was restored to a good standard with rededication including the wider community”. and “use of festivals for community integration and fundraising for the bloom initiative and others are to be praised, Fantasia and Fun Day in the summer being very popular”.

Ash Parish Council would like to thank everyone that took part in the judging tour for South and South East in Bloom 2014; the Community Wardens, Mike and Jane Duffy from Duffy’s Budgens, Bob and the team at Willow Park Fisheries, Stuart from the Blackwater Countryside Partnership, Norma Wallace at the John Aides garden, “Men in Sheds”, Head Teacher Marie Curtis, the staff and children from Ash Grange School, and the residents of Harpers Road. Your involvement also helped us to achieve the final result. We would also like to thank the following local businesses who sponsored a hanging basket this year; Citizens Advice Bureau, Co-operative Funeral Services, Dover Garage, Surrey Hearing Services and Vale Furnishings.

Ash Grange Primary School won a Silver Gilt



One of the Parish Flower Beds on the judging tour

FITNESS FOR HEALTH with FITNESS LEAGUE

Every Wednesday - 10:00 - 11:30am at The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash, GU12 5DP

Improve posture allowing free movement
Reduce strain on joints and ligaments
Release the body's potential for good health
Get the feel good factor
Friendly and non-competitive classes



The Fitness League uses a long established method of exercise to music. Alison is a Level 3 Register of Exercise Professionals instructor, holding qualifications with the Fitness League, city and Guilds and QCF (in pre and post natal exercise. She has been taking the class in Ash for many years.

Come along any week, mats available, bring a drink.
Want further information? Want to check dates of classes?
Contact; Alison ah.fitnessleague@gmail.com or 01256 327017
Website: www.thefitnessleague.com

Repair Café Initiative



Guildford Borough Council is keen to organise a “Repair Café” and is looking for local volunteers to support the scheme. The idea behind the repair café is to get people to repair “things” as opposed to throwing them away just because they show slight defects. The repair café allows

people to pop in with articles of clothing, furniture, bikes, etc. and learn how to repair them under the supervision of volunteers who have the practical know how.



The benefits are that;
i) residents will learn the skills to carry out any future repairs,
ii) it will help build communities,
iii) and it helps to cut carbon emissions and reduce the amount of material going to landfill.



Guildford Borough Council are recruiting local residents that have the skills to support this project. If you are an electrician, seamstress, carpenter or general handy person and would like to volunteer and get involved with the Repair Café, please contact the Climate Change Team at Guildford Borough Council; cati.smith@guildford.gov.uk or telephone 01483 444509

World War I Centenary Exhibition

St. Peter's Church, Ash Church Road, Ash will be holding an exhibition on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November, between 1:00pm and 4:00pm, of work by children from Ash Infants and Primary Schools. Also on display will be memorabilia and other items about war and peace.

There will be opportunities for prayer and reflection on the consequences of warfare, and the sacrifices for peace and justice made by all of those caught up in the fighting. All welcome.

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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
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Dates for your 2014 Diary

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
Sunday 9th November
Christmas Fantasia
Saturday 29th November
Christmas Concert
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 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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