



# Ash Matters

## *The Ash Parish Council Newsletter*

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### The Friary Guildford Brass Band Concert



The Friary Guildford Brass Band, who recently became the number one band in London and the South East, will for the third year running be performing a concert at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash, on Saturday 21st November starting at 7:30pm.

Tickets for this concert are now on sale from the Ash Centre at a cost of £10.00 per ticket. (Please note we can only accept cash or cheques by way of payment). Tickets are limited so will be on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

This concert is being sponsored by the Ash and Blackwater Valley Rotary Club and **ALL** proceeds from the concert will go to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Refreshments will be available during the interval and there will also be a raffle with all proceeds going to the Air Ambulance.

To purchase tickets or obtain more information about the concert, full contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

This concert will actually be the second that the Friary Guildford Brass Band have performed this year at the Ash Centre, following the "Picnic in the Park" concert held on Saturday 12th September. The concert was held to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II become the longest serving monarch in British history. The

concert contained many well known tunes from the movies through to a "Last Night of the Proms" selection.



*The Friary Guildford Brass Band at "Picnic in the Park"*

A bucket collection held during the afternoon raised nearly £250.00 which was donated to the Friary Guildford Brass Band.

## Chairman's Bit

Welcome to this edition of *Ash Matters*.



I was delighted to host the Ash in Bloom presentation evening back in September and I was very impressed with the quality of the entries. May I congratulate all the winners for their efforts and the contribution they make in helping our village a better place to live. I would also like to thank Mike and Jane Duffy of Budgens for sponsoring Ash in Bloom over the last six years. Their outstanding support of, not only for this event, but also many other Parish activities has been truly valued and on behalf of the Parish Council I wish them both well as they move onto pasture new.

Also in September I was pleased to welcome the Friary Guildford Brass Band back to Ash for the Picnic in the Park. Despite the weather being a little chilly, over 350 people came and enjoyed a varied programme of music including a "Last Night of the Proms" selection. This concert was a first for Ash and the Parish Council was able to host this event, with the support of the Ash and Blackwater Valley Rotary Club; their volunteers were instrumental in making the afternoon a great success and I would like to thank them for their continuing support.

*Nigel Manning*  
Chairman, Ash Parish Council

## Ash Victoria Hall - Quiz Nights

It has been an interesting year for the Victoria Hall with the clock "saga" taking centre stage. The money required to install the mechanism for the silencer was raised with a grant of £1,000 from Guildford Borough Council, and nearly £600 from a quiz night and individual donations.



For the last two years, the Victoria Hall has held regular quizzes to raise money for a variety of organisations. Over £5,000 has been raised for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, RSPCA, Oxfam, Wateraid, The Vine Centre, Firefighters charity, Riding for the Disabled, British Heart Foundation, Teenage Cancer Trust, Diabetes UK and the NSPCC.

Quizzes are held on a regular basis with the next quiz being on 20th November 2015 for the RSPCA. Any

charity is considered for these quizzes, especially if new quizzers attend.

The Victoria Hall is also available, provided there are no other bookings, for charity events and other bookings.

Details of all quizzes and bookings can be obtained from Dave Brown at [david.brown@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.brown@ntlworld.com) or by telephoning 07533186831.



## Meet the Surrey Police Neighbourhood Team for Ash Vale, Ash Wharf and Ash Green and Tongham

The Surrey Police, Guildford West Local Neighbourhood Team is currently led by Sergeant Alison Adams and covers the areas of Ash, Ash Wharf, Ash Vale and Ash Green and Tongham. The team comprises of 4 police constables (PC) and 3 Community Support Officers (PCSO).

*Our determined focus on burglary means that the chance of becoming a victim in this county continues to fall*



*Sergeant Alison Adams -  
Team Sergeant*



*PC Gary Watson - Ash Wharf  
and Ash Vale*



*PC Tris Cansell - Ash Wharf  
and Ash Vale*



*PCSO Morgan Webb - Ash  
Wharf and Ash Vale*



*PC Vanessa Privett - Ash  
Green and Tongham*



*PC Stephanie McMurty - Ash  
Green and Tongham*



*PCSO Nicola Carr - Ash  
Green and Tongham*



*PCSO Joanne Gallagher -  
Ash Green and Tongham*

*(following the trend of the last few years). Burglaries have reduced by 21% in the financial year to date compared to the same period last year. In recent weeks, a focus on investigating serious sexual offences has led to a significant rise in the number of these terrible crimes where the offender is charged or cautioned. We are still striving to improve further in this area, but this is good news as by getting more offenders convicted we are bringing justice to their victims as well as preventing others from becoming victims in the future.*

*A report into the youth intervention scheme, run jointly by the Force and Surrey County Council, has been recognised in the prestigious Restorative Justice category at the recent Howard League for Penal Reform's National Community Awards. Under the scheme, dedicated officers working closely with youth support service specialists are engaging with young people and victims to prevent re-offending. The key to the initiative's success is the close partnership working that focuses on putting the needs and wishes of victims at the heart of the criminal justice system. We know the scheme is working well as the feedback from victims is overwhelmingly positive and levels of re-offending across the county have dropped dramatically since it was introduced. A small number of our youth offenders in the Ash/Ash Vale area have recently been referred to the Youth Intervention Scheme.*

*We welcome PC Tris Cansell to our Team who is working across the areas of Ash and Ash Vale alongside colleagues PC Watson and PCSO Webb.*

**Sgt Alison Adams, Neighbourhood Team Sergeant.**

## Ash in Bloom 2015

The Ash in Bloom 2015 presentation evening took place on Friday 19th September at the Ash Centre. Once again the residents of Ash took up the challenge and produced some fantastic prize winning entries.

All of the prize winners were invited to the award ceremony with around 50 people attending on the evening. Prize winning certificates and prizes were presented by Jane Duffy. The prizes once again this year being provided by Mike and Jane Duffy of Duffy's Budgens.

The judging this year took place in early August with a secret visit by the judge, who 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.

This years prize winners were;

### **Best Overall Entry**

Brian & Vashte Coutts

### **Best Front Garden**

Gold - Vashte Coutts

Gold - David and Anne Stewart

Gold - Olive Jones

Gold - Lyn Worswick

Silver - Gordon and June Haigh

Silver - Lily Jones

Silver - Susan Dubaree

Bronze - Richard O'Sullivan

Bronze - Jean Fowler

Bronze - Joan Brooks

Bronze - Lyn Day

Bronze - Ian and Valerie Caie

Bronze - Norah Charman

### **Best Garden Border**

Gold - Vashte Coutts

Bronze - Susan DuBaree

### **Best Kept Allotment**

Gold - Martin Hyde

Silver - Robert Anderson

### **Best Hanging Basket**

Gold - Brian Coutts

Silver - Raymond Watson

Bronze - Susan Dubaree

Bronze - The Victoria Hall

### **Best Tub Container**

Gold - Brian Coutts

Gold - Susan DuBaree

Silver - Sheila Buss

Silver - Norah Charman

Silver - Lyn Day

Bronze - Joan Brooks



*Brian and Vashte Coutts prize winning garden*



## Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service 2015



The 2015 Ash Parish Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will be on Sunday 8th November. The Parade will be led by a lone piper and the Union Flag which this year will be carried by representatives of the Girl Guides Association. The Parade will include Ash Parish Councillors, uniformed organisations and various veterans. It is also hoped that subject to official government commitments that Surrey Heath MP Michael Gove will also be attending.

Please be aware that Ash Hill Road will be closed between 10:15am and 12:15pm to enable the Parade and Service to take place. The Parade will leave the Ash Centre at 10:35. This year to honour the fallen, between November 1914 and November 1915, the names of those listed on the war memorial will be read out by pupils of Ash Manor School 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.

## Christmas Fantasia 2015



*Fantasia 2014 on Ash Wharf  
Picture by Neil Bidwell*

This years Christmas Fantasia will be held on Saturday 28th November. The event starts at 2:00pm in the Ash Centre with the traditional Christmas Fair, with stalls, tombola's, games and raffles. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

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

Father Christmas, accompanied by a small band of helpers will arrive at 5:00pm and follow-

ing the traditional countdown will switch on the Christmas Tree lights. Following the light switching on ceremony, mulled wine and mince pies will be available at the Ash Centre.

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](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk). Also visit [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) for up to date information.



*One of the many stalls at Fantasia 2014*

## Ash Community Cycle Club

It's fun, informal, leisurely, social and good for your wellbeing!

The launch of a new cycle club in Ash is exciting news for all who want to be bicycle enthusiasts and those who already are. Open to adults and families, anyone who wants to get back on their bike, learn to cycle if you never learnt, improve your bicycle skills and build your confidence.

To begin, the club is offering bike rides lasting for about an hour, cycling on a variety of local cycle paths with a social stop if desired. Ultimately the aim is to offer residents the type of cycling they choose and shape the club around the local need.

For a taste of what's to come, last month guided bike rides took residents from Ash Wharf along the towpath of the Basingstoke Canal. And what a great turn out! The canal, which runs through the centre of Ash and stretches an incredible 32 miles in length is a really fantastic route for a bike ride. If this sounds like fun, come along and join us next time.

Susan Keywood who works for CTC, the national cycling charity, is initiating the club with the help of the community wardens at Japonica Court, Jo, Lesley and Richard. To ascertain details and also to book a place on a ride please contact them. Or, if you'd like to know more about the club, be a ride leader and get involved in leading the Ash Community Cycle Club, they'd love to hear from you!

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*Jo, Lesley and Richard and residents about to set off along the canal towpath*

## Ash Parish Council Office Opening Hours Christmas 2015

The Ash Parish Council office at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash, will close for the Christmas and New Year break at 12:30pm on Thursday 24th December 2015 and will reopen for normal business on Monday 4th January 2016.

The office telephone answer machine and the office e-mail account will be monitored throughout the holiday period and any urgent matter will be dealt with accordingly. However please be aware that many other agencies will also be closed over the Christmas and New Year Period.

Normal office Hours: Monday to Friday 09:00am until 04:00pm

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Web Site: [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk)





## Ash Walking Group Celebrates 10 years of Healthy Exercise

Every Wednesday morning since 2005 a group of walkers has met outside the Ash Parish Council offices to enjoy a one hour walk in the surrounding countryside.

Walking is an excellent gentle form of exercise with many recognised physical and mental health benefits. These walks offer regular exercise within a very sociable group - you can expect to expend as much energy talking as walking! And there is an opportunity to socialise further after the walk over a cup of tea or coffee if you wish.

The group meet at 10:45 for a 11:00am start, in the car park in front of the Council Offices, and aim to return by about 12:00 noon (they sometimes overrun by a few minutes). On the first Tuesday of every month they have a faster walk for those who relish more vigorous exercise - meet at the same time and place. Within the Parish they



*Walking Club Members taking a short break on a walk  
Photo Alan Brown*

also walk every Thursday, meeting at the Shawfield Day Centre at 10:30 for a 10:45am start.

These are just three regular walks organised by The Walking Club, a voluntary association operating from a number of bases within the Blackwater Valley. Membership of The Walking Club is free and there is no charge for any of their walks. They use trained and insured volunteer walk leaders. They walk in all weathers (but probably not in a severe thunder storm!) mainly off roads and made up footpaths so remember to wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

For more details of the club and the days, times and meeting venues for all of their walks visit [www.walktalk.shutterfly.com](http://www.walktalk.shutterfly.com),

the Clubs website or Facebook/The WalkingClubUK - or just turn up at one of their walks and speak to the walk leader. You'll be made welcome.



*Members on an all weather walk!  
Photo Alan Brown*

### Dates for your 2015 Diary

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](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk).

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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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Sunday 8th November

### Brass Band Concert

Saturday 21st November 2015

### Christmas Fantasia

Saturday 28th November

Visit [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk)

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