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## Dates for your 2017 Diary

**Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service**  
Sunday 12th November 2017

**Fantasia 2017**  
Saturday 25th November 2017  
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** Green, Brown and Clear Glass.  
Shawfield Road



**Carrington Recreation Ground** Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers,  
Lysons Avenue Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Shoes.

**Coronation Gardens** Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic  
Ash Hill Road Bottles, Cardboard, 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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# Ash Matters

## The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

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## Forthcoming Parish Events

### Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade



The 2017 Ash Parish Council Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 12 November.

The Parade will assemble at the Ash Centre and will set off for the War Memorial at 10:30. The Parade will include Ash Parish Councillors, members of the armed forces, uniformed organisations and veterans.

Following on from the previous years we will continue to honour the fallen during the 1914 - 1918 conflict with pupils from Ash Manor School reading aloud names of the fallen who died between November 1916 and November 1917.



Following the Service the congregation will parade back to the Ash Centre where tea and coffee will be available following dismissal of the Parade. For further details please visit [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) or telephone 01252 328287

## Christmas Fantasia 2017



Ash Wharf—Fantasia 2016  
Picture: Neil Bidwell

The Ash Parish Council Christmas Fantasia 2017 will be held on Saturday 25 November 2017. The event will open with the traditional fair in the Ash Centre at 2:00pm. There will be the usual mix of games, tombola's and plenty of gift stalls for those elusive Christmas presents. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

There will also be a BBQ available just outside the entrance to the Ash Centre during the whole event.

From approximately 4:30pm there will be Community Carol singing on Ash Wharf, with the music being provided by the Ash Vale Ensemble.

Father Christmas will 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 is welcome. For more information visit [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk), e-mail [office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) or telephone 01252 328287



## Chairman's Bit.



First of all I would like to thank and congratulate all the participants and winners of our Ash in Bloom competition, as well as the participants and winners from the open classes, (vegetables, flowers arranging, baking, craft and photography) from the Village Fete held in July. All entrants were amazing and full details of the winners are contained later in this newsletter.

I also would like to mention that during the summer, Guildford Borough Council launched its Joint Enforcement Team (JET), a new collaborative way of working between the established enforcement teams and Surrey Police. The aims of the JET are to help combat anti-social behaviour and low level crime.

By bringing together the enforcement powers of key teams across Guildford Borough Council and with the colleagues from Surrey Police, JET will quickly deal with issues that impact on local residents.

The team will have a highly visible presence to deter would be offenders and they aim to provide the community with a fast and effective response.

Some of the issues that JET will deal with include: Anti-social parking outside of schools, Dog fouling, Fly Posting, Graffiti, Fly tipping, Littering, Abandoned vehicles and Taxi licensing.

To report issues please contact Guildford Borough Council via [www.guildford.gov.uk/selfservice](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/selfservice) or telephone customer services on 01483 505050.

## The Dover Garage



A Kia Picanto at this years Ash Parish Village Fete.

Ash Parish Council would like to thank the Dover Garage for their contribution towards the sponsorship of the Eagle Radio Love Crew who broadcast live from the Ash Village Fete in July this year.

### Save £2,000 with the Kia Scrappage Scheme at Dover Garage (Aldershot)

Kia Motors (UK) Limited is launching a Scrappage Scheme at the Dover Garage worth £2,000 to motorists wanting to switch a car over seven years old - echoing Kia's industry leading warranty - for an all new Picanto or an all new Rio - the brand's low emission models.

Available immediately at the Dover Garage the scheme guarantees the scrappage bonus on Kia's latest small cars when any old car is traded in for destruction. The bonus is in lieu of all other offers on retail sales only. Alan Burrows, from the Dover Garage says *"The Kia Scrappage Scheme is a simple and effective scheme for all of our customers to understand. We look forward to welcoming more people from the local area to the Dover Garage to trade in their cars for the low emission Picanto and Rio Ranges"*.

The Kia Scrappage Scheme requires no special measures by customers - as long as the details of the old vehicle owner and the new Kia buyer match the bonus is guaranteed. The Dover Garage will complete all the paperwork and arrange for the old vehicle to be destroyed through regulated and established channels. The scheme runs until the end of December 2017.

For more information visit the Dover Garage showroom at Guildford Road, Ash, GU12 6BQ, visit [www.dovergarage.co.uk](http://www.dovergarage.co.uk) or call 01252 326950 for more information.

## Ash Village Fete 2017

The Ash Village Fete was held this year on Saturday 15th July. It was held as usual at the Ash Centre and the adjacent Recreation Ground.

The Fete was officially opened by the Mayor of Guildford and Chairman of Ash Parish Council Cllr Nigel Manning. This year for the first time the Eagle Radio Love Crew broadcast live from the event to Surrey and North East Hampshire. Mascot Egbert the Eagle was also in attendance throughout the event. Ash Parish Council would like to thank both Vale Furnishers and The Dover Garage for their sponsorship of the Eagle Love Crew.

There were many different stalls, stands and displays representing various charities, local groups and organisations from around the Parish. This year also saw the return of Ferret Racing, with a number of races during the afternoon.

The Rotary Club provided a BBQ and also manned the Beer and Wine Tent on behalf of the Parish Council. A supply of Beer was kindly donated by the Hogs Back Brewery.

Whilst the fete was in full flow outdoors the inside of the Ash Centre saw the annual Open Class Show, with classes of Flowers, Vegetables, Flower Arranging, Baking, Craft and Photography. The class winners together with the second and third place entries were invited to the Ash in Bloom Presentation evening held on 20 September to receive their certificates.

Finally we must mention and thank the Outside Broadcast Unit of Frimley Park Radio who provided music, games and a running commentary throughout the event.





## Join the Fight to Help Hedgehogs In Surrey!



Hedgehogs are in trouble and Surrey Wildlife Trust has launched a new campaign to survey these adorable creatures and improve their habitat in the county. The Trust is calling on all animal lovers to keep an eye out for the prickly mammals and report their findings on a new 'Hedgehog Hotspots' web page. The response has been encouraging so far – more than 500 sightings have been logged, but more are needed.

Hedgehogs used to be a familiar and well-loved visitor to our gardens, but their numbers have fallen by nearly a third since 2002 – they're disappearing faster than tigers are worldwide! Back in 1950 the UK population was roughly 30 million, but fewer

than one million hedgehogs are left and numbers are continuing to decline. "We want to see the declining trend in hedgehogs reversed and to help us understand more about hedgehogs across Surrey, we'd love to know whether people have seen any hedgehogs recently," said Dawn Fielding, The Trust's Wildlife Gardening Officer.

"We need to know the postcode of the sighting, whether the animal was dead or alive, how many hedgehogs were there and what they were doing - feeding, mating, drinking, walking or whatever." Hedgehogs are a traditional icon of British wildlife and they were voted as the UK's national species in 2013. The decline of our native hedgehog can be blamed on declining hedgerow quality, the over-management of parks and gardens, loss of green space to paving/decking and chemical use in gardens and on farmland, which leads to fewer insects for hedgehogs to eat.

Here are the Trust's five top tips to help hedgehogs in Surrey:

- 1) Cut a small hole in the base of your garden fence to provide a corridor for hedgehogs to move between gardens. They can travel up to 2km a night!
- 2) Reduce garden pesticides and ditch the slug pellets - let hedgehogs be your pest control.
- 3) Keep a messy garden, leaving hedgehogs piles of leaves, long grass and logs to hide/feed in.
- 4) Check compost heaps and bonfires for hedgehogs before digging in a fork or setting alight.
- 5) Cover drains or deep holes and provide escape routes from ponds to prevent hedgehogs from getting stuck or drowning.



*A Hedgehog Footprint Tunnel*

The Trust has a number of 'hedgehog footprint tunnels' that can be loaned to hedgehog spotters. These include a patch of black ink to record the tracks of any nocturnal visitors passing through. The public can also look out for hedgehog poo, which is quite distinctive and looks like a dark slug!

"We hope gardeners, schools and community groups will get involved and help us look out for hedgehogs. Once we have a clearer picture of where hedgehogs are living, we can work with local communities to improve habitats there and give these wonderful creatures a helping hand," added Dawn.

To report a sighting of a hedgehog anywhere in Surrey – dead or alive – visit the Trust's 'Hedgehog Hotspots' web page and enter the details at [www.surreywildlifetrust.org/record](http://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/record).

## The Rotary Club of Ash and Blackwater



The Rotary Club of Ash and Blackwater have been proud to participate in many local functions and it has always been our intention to support village functions, local charities, food banks, Citizens Advice Bureau, charity shops, the Street Team with major contributions to the Surrey Air Ambulance, RNLI and the British Heart Foundation etc. of which any of us may require at some time.

Unfortunately our numbers have diminished which has made continuance difficult.

Our next and maybe final function will be the Ash Fantasia on 25th November 2017 and if our numbers prevail Christmas street floats on December 7th, 12th and 14th will continue but only if we have the personnel, so if not it will be GOODBYE FROM US.

Rotary may well be international but you never see television adverts requesting monies, in Rotary terms it also means the best kept secret in the world.

Strange as it sounds, Fleet, Hart and others have no problems with membership as many recently retired people want something else to do in their free time with many local major companies pointing in this direction.

Ash and Blackwater is probably unique as we meet twice monthly at the Ash Centre, do not wear suits, have costly meals and if we require to socialise join Aldershot, Rushmoor, Farnborough and others.

With the other Rotary clubs we assist with the Donkey Derby and Music in the Park which is a major fund raising event which this year raised £75,000 for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

We as a club have enjoyed doing the Christmas float seeing happy smiling children greeting Santa with many photographs being taken although not many of you will know we have to borrow the Christmas float.

With your help we may continue but if not thank you for your support

Tony Stevenson  
President Ash and Blackwater Rotary



*The Ash and Blackwater Rotary Club, with the Christmas Float at Fantasia 2016*

## The Ash & District Museum Annual General Meeting



The Ash & District Museum Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 17th November 2017 at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash. The AGM will start at 7:30pm. There is free entry and no need to book.

The AGM will be followed by a Talk by Emma Warren, curator of Chertsey Museum, entitled Chertsey Abbey. The talk will give a potted history of the Abbey's rise and demise under Henry VIII and how it played an important part in English Ecclesiastical history even after its dissolution. The Abbey was founded in 666AD, and was the first monastery in the County and became the fifth largest in the Country with 50,000 acres of land.



## Ash in Bloom 2017



The Ash in Bloom 2017 presentation evening took place on Wednesday 20th September at the Ash Centre. This year the prizes were kindly donated by the Co-operative Food Store, Ash Wharf and were presented by store representatives Vanita Patel and Pete Moate.



Judging took place in secret during July and was undertaken by Hazel Chant from the Ash Garden Club. Hazel is also a judge for South and South East in Bloom.

Entrants either entered in their own right, were nominated by a third party or were a winner in Ash in Bloom 2016.

Hazel was looking at a number of criteria, including; quality of plants, diversity of plants, good use of colour, sustainability, including evidence of using water butts, and also the overall impression of the entry.



## Ash in Bloom 2017

The presentation evening was compered by Parish Council Vice-Chairman Councillor John Tonks and the evening was split into 2 parts with the Village Fete Open Class winners receiving their certificates first and the Ash in Bloom winners receiving their certificates in the second part of the evening.

The standard again this year was very good with over 50 entries in Best Kept Allotment, Tubs and Containers, Hanging Baskets, Garden Border and also Best Front Garden classes. There was also an award for the best overall entrant.

### Best Overall Entrant

Gordon Haigh

### Best Front Garden

Gold - Gordon Haigh

Silver - David and Anne Stewart

Silver - Vashte Coutts

Silver - Glenn and Nicola Philpott

Silver - Ian and Valerie Caie

Silver - Jean Fowler

Silver - Lily Jones

Silver - Olive Jones

Silver - Martin Dunn and Pamela Gardner

Silver - Beverley and Barrie Ames

Bronze - Doreen Boxall

Bronze - Lynn Worswick

### Best Kept Allotment

Silver - Robert Anderson

Silver - Keith Bulnois

Silver - David Stonebank

### Best Hanging Basket

Silver - Brian Coutts

Silver - Janet Bath

Silver - Lynda Fletcher

Silver - Janet Cranstone

Bronze - Susan Dubaree

Bronze - Josephine Titmuss

Bronze - Norah Charman

Bronze - Barrie and Beverley Ames

### Best Tub/Container

Gold - Lynda Day

Silver - David and Anne Stewart

Silver - Susan Dubaree

Silver - Janet Bath

Silver - Janet Cranstone

Silver - Norah Charman

Silver - Brian Coutts

Silver - Barrie and Beverley Ames

Silver - Lynda Fletcher

Bronze - Doreen Boxall

### Best Garden Border

Silver - Barrie and Beverley Ames

Silver - Vashte Coutts

Silver - Janet Bath

Silver - Susan DuBaree

*Left and this page -A selection of photos showing the entries in Ash in Bloom 2017*

