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Community Warden Update Ash, Ash Vale & Tongham

June 2018



Every person matters

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Welcome to our latest update on what we have been up to this month!

You may have seen us out and about with our gazebo at St Paul's School in Tongham. There had been reported issues around inconsiderate parking near the school, so we were on hand, along with the Area Housing Manager, Tamsin Dyer, to chat to concerned residents. Tongham Parish Council Clerk Margaret Murray also popped along to lend support. We were able to give out information regarding where to report problems around parking and had a successful afternoon in the sunshine! Our next Gazebo event will be outside the Ash Centre on Tuesday 26 June 9.30-11.30am See you there!



The week of the 11 June saw us promoting National Carer's Week and we were down on the Wharf, outside the Co-op chatting to people and handing out information. We met some interesting people, one of which enlightened us about 'Ataxia' – do you know what it is? If not, the man has kindly given us an article to share here.

Also as part of our commitment to other areas of the Borough, we supported the Area Housing Manager and

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local Neighbourhood Watch group with a Garden Party at Dray Court in Guildford. This was very successful with lots of residents enjoying the sunshine and entertainment.

On Friday 25 May the Ash Centre was the venue for the Ash Parish Dementia Action Alliance (APDAA) 'Meet and Greet' to mark the first anniversary of the APDAA. Several agencies came along to promote their services and it proved to be a great networking event for all that attended. The Mayor of Guildford Councillor Mike Parsons and his wife came attended the event and joined in with singing from the Ash Vale Village Singers and 'Memory Lane' with Paul Tickner. Members of Shawfield Primary School also attended and helped serve tea and cakes, as well as entertaining us with some lovely songs.



To mark the launch of 'The Library of Things', we helped to promote this outside Guildford Library. It's a fantastic idea and you can learn more about it by clicking on the link: <https://www.guildfordmakerspace.org.uk/guildford-library-of-things/>



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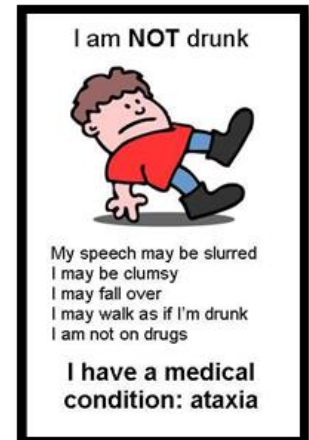
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1. Ataxia – What is it?

Ataxia is a rare neurological condition that affects around 10,000 people in the UK. It strikes without bias; anyone can inherit or acquire it. Akin to multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy, ataxia affects the part of the brain that deals with movement and co-ordination (the cerebellum), and changes how people walk, balance and co-ordinate; as it progresses, it also alters how someone speaks, hears and sees, and eventually weakens the heart.



It's a tough condition to live with and there's no cure. What makes it harder? That no one has heard of it. Ataxia UK is a nationwide charity that funds medical research into finding a cure and supports people affected by the condition.

They ran a survey in 2015, which showed that only 9% of the population ever heard of ataxia; something that's demonstrated by the misunderstandings many Farnham Support Group members have experienced from the public, at work and even whilst visiting their GP.

If you would like more information contact Derek by email woody1404@live.co.uk or visit Ataxia UK's website www.ataxia.org.uk

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2. Ash in Bloom 2018

Ash Parish Council are holding their **ASH In Bloom** competition.

They are encouraging all residents and schools to make the Parish of Ash a brighter and greener place in which to live. The closing date is the 29 June, so get your entries in!

Why not join in by entering either yourself or nominate a neighbour, friend or other Parish resident. There are five competition categories and you may win yourself or your nominee a prize and a certificate.

Other local contacts

Catalyst (formerly SAdAS)

Phone 01483 590150

Web site www.catalystsupport.org.uk

Guildford Action for Families

Phone 01483 560003

Web site Guildford Action

Surrey Against Domestic Abuse

Phone (24 hours) 01483 776 822

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Voluntary Action South West Surrey

Phone 01483 504626

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Age UK Surrey

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Judging will take place in secret during **JULY** and entry to all categories is **FREE**. The judge will be particularly looking for the use of environmental practices such as peat free soil, composting, water butts and wormeries. All winners will be invited to attend a presentation ceremony at the Ash Centre on 5th September 2018, where there will also be an opportunity to meet other winners.

For more information contact the Ash Parish Council office on: 01252 328287
or email: office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk



3. Ash Velo – Cycle Rides

Some of you may be not be aware that Ash has its very own popular cycling club. If you are looking to get back on your bike, build confidence and strength and at the same time learn local cycle routes, then this could be just what you're looking for. There are rides to suit all abilities.

All rides are led by trained leaders and you can either book in advance or just turn up, but please bring your own bike. Meeting point is Ash Wharf, on the corner of Vale/Wharf Road GU12 5AZ by Bridges Estate Agents.



Please see below forthcoming rides:

Sunday 17th June, 9am - Tim MTB Ride, 10-15 miles

Saturday 23rd June, 10am - Steve, 10-15 miles

Sunday 1st July, 9am - Steffan, 25+ miles

Sunday 8th July - NO Ash Velo Ride - It is the Farnham Charity Ride, 8am, Who's up for that instead?

Sunday 15th July, 9am - Richard, 25+ miles

Saturday 21st July, 10am - Shona Leisure Ride, Gentle beginner/family ride

For more information contact:

ashvelocycling@gmail.com

or if you use Facebook, just look up Ash Velo.

4. Ash Village Fete

The Ash Village Fete and Dog show is taking place on Saturday 14 July at The Ash Centre and Recreation Ground, Ash Hill Road from 12 noon – 4pm. Lots of stalls and attractions. Give your pooches a wash and brush up!

You can register your dog on the day between 12 noon and 1pm. Judging starts at 1pm!

For more information contact the Parish office on: 01252 328287.

We will also be there so pop along and say hello!

FUN DOG SHOW



At the Ash Village Fete
Ash Recreation Ground
Ash Hill Road
Ash

On Saturday 14th July 2018
Registration from 12:00 Noon

Judging from 13:00

Entry Fee: £1.00 per dog per class



Classes:

Best Girl Dog, Best Boy Dog,
Golden Oldie (dogs 7 years plus),

Best Puppy (dogs under 12 months),

Best Trick, Best Rescue,

Best Child Handler,

Best Fancy Dressed Dog

Dog Show being organised by and
all proceeds from Dog Show to:

CHIMNEY FARM
INTERNATIONAL DOG
RESCUE



5. National Scams Awareness Month

June is National Scams Awareness month and here is an article you may find helpful.

Act on Scams

A scam is a scheme to try to steal money, personal information or data from a person or organisation. Other names for a scam include fraud, hoax, con, swindle and cheat.

Citizens Advice are encouraging people to play their part in preventing scams by reporting and talking about them. Only 5 – 15% of all scams are currently reported. That's a huge number of scams that aren't known about, and therefore cannot be prevented.

Top tips to avoid scams

- Your bank or the police will never phone you to ask for your PIN or your online password. They will never come to your home to collect your cash, payment card or cheque book.
- Never give your bank account details to someone you don't know.
- Genuine computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer.
- Doorstep traders cold calling – don't buy it.
- Beware of copycat government official services scam – callers or websites claim to be official government departments and sell services e.g. driving licence, European health card or passport for a 'fee'. Always use the GOV.uk website.
- Never pay out money to receive a prize. If you haven't entered a competition or bought a lottery ticket you can't win.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

What should you do if you suspect a scam

GET ADVICE from the Citizens Advice Consumer Service 03454 04 05 06. If it is a scam this will automatically be reported to Trading Standards.

REPORT Scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk. If debit cards, online banking or cheques are involved, contact the bank or credit card company.


TELL a friend, neighbour or relative about any scams you become aware of.

#scamaware




6. Mutual Exchange Event

Please see below details about a Guildford Borough Council housing event that may be of interest.




Mutual Exchange Event

If you are a Council or Housing Association tenant we can help you find a new home. Come and join us at our Mutual Exchange event



Tuesday 3 July 2018
10am – 12pm
The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash, GU12 5DP

[For further details please contact Guildford Housing Advice Centre on 01483 444244](tel:01483444244)
[Email: housingadvice@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:housingadvice@guildford.gov.uk)


The Ash Centre (parking available)



7. Job & Volunteering Fair

Are you looking to get back into work? This could be just the opportunity you're looking for. Come along and see us on Monday 2 July at the West Surrey Foundation (next to Ash Library).



Advice and Job/Volunteering Fair

- Need to get back into work?
- Need to find out more about qualifications?
- Need information about benefits?
- Need information about childcare?

If you answered **YES**, come along!

Monday 2 July

12.00 – 2.00pm

At West Surrey Foundation

(Next to Ash Library)

No booking required – just turn up

FREE buffet lunch

Free draw for £20 Tesco Voucher for attendees

Lots of advice available including:-



For more information please contact Ash Grange Children's Centre on 01252 350225 (childrenscentre@ash-grange.surrey.sch.uk) or St Paul's on 01252 400222 (cc@stpaulstongham.com)



Drop into Japonica Court, first floor and have a chat, our door is always open!