

## **ASH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY**

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2018-2019**

Ash Museum is housed in the Ash Cemetery Chapel at Ash Cemetery, Ash Church Road. The Society is a registered charity and is run by a dedicated group of local volunteers. The trustees meet on a bi monthly basis to discuss a variety of issues, including finances, applications for grant funding and the latest acquisitions.

The museum continues to open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoon of each month throughout the year. It is also open on annual Heritage Open Days weekend as well as pre-arranged special openings for children from local schools. The number of times the museum can be open, is limited by the number of volunteers available. For health & safety reasons, there must always be at least two volunteers. The Trustees are always seeking new volunteers to help with the opening of the Museum, the duties are not onerous and an experienced volunteer would always accompany you. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the Trustees would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Councillor Nigel Manning via Ash Parish Council Office.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in November and following the usual business, the audience enjoyed a very interesting presentation about War Memorials from Jane Morgan one of the “retiring” Trustees.

The annual fund raising quiz was held in October and attracted many people from the local community. They came together to raise the much needed funds to help with the maintenance and running costs of the Chapel.

Ash Parish Council is in the process of building a fully accessible toilet adjacent to the Chapel. Planning permission has been obtained and legal agreements with Surrey County Council have been signed. Whilst the toilet is primarily for visitors to the cemetery, when this facility is up and running, it is hoped the Ash & District Museum society will not only get more visitors but also get more volunteers!

The Museum Forward Plan for the period 30 September 2016 to 30 September 2019 and Disaster Plan have recently been updated. The Plans are a “living document” which continue to set out our targets and operational arrangements and they will be updated when necessary.

New members are always welcome and membership is very affordable at just £5.00 a year. If you would like to join please contact the Chairman Councillor Nigel Manning on 01252 665999 or email the Treasurer Mr Richard Tolley, [ashmuseum@ntlworld.com](mailto:ashmuseum@ntlworld.com).

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