

ASH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2019-2020

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 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month throughout the year. From April 2020 to September 2020, the Museum will also be open on the first Sunday of the month and on National Heritage Open Days weekend in September. The Museum is also open for pre-arranged visits for children from local schools. The number of times the museum can 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 2019. The Chairman reported the sad passing, earlier in the year, of one of the Museum's founder members, Mr John Daniels. John provided invaluable knowledge and insight to the history of Ash and he is greatly missed. Following the usual business the audience were given a presentation about the history of Normandy by one of the Trustees, Mr Alan Norris.

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

As reported last year, Ash Parish Council is in the process of building a fully accessible toilet adjacent to the Chapel and this is nearing completion. 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!

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.

Councillor Mrs Marsha J Moseley C.C.
Trustee and Ash Parish Council Representative.