



# Ash Matters

## The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

### Issue Two 2023

#### Ash Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Council meets face to face on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, except in August, for its Full Council meetings. The Planning Committee and the Amenities, Finance & Administration (AFA) Committee usually meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. These Committee meetings are currently being held virtually. Please visit the Ash Parish Council website [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/meetings). All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and provision is made for public questions.

#### Diary Dates For 2023/24

Remembrance Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> Nov 23)  
Christmas Fantasia (25<sup>th</sup> Nov 23)  
Village Fete (29<sup>th</sup> June 24)  
Ash in Bloom (Enter by 7<sup>th</sup> July 24)

#### Volunteer With The Ashes Good Neighbour Scheme



The Ashes Good Neighbour Scheme (launching in October 2023). Its objective is to enable volunteers to help older and vulnerable people get out and about to their appointments. Volunteering is flexible to suit your lifestyle with no regular commitment required. The scheme will be offering residents of Ash, Ash Vale, and Ash Green, transport to appointments such as doctors, hospital, and dentist; visit to the library or a club; help with shopping; or simply a friendly chat over a cup of tea. All volunteers who will have face-to-face contact with clients have undertaken a DBS check. It is not too late to volunteer; the scheme will always be open to new people joining. If you would like to know more, please email [office.ashesgn@gmail.com](mailto:office.ashesgn@gmail.com) or phone 07935 515221.

#### Ash Youth Club Wants To Hear From You

Ash Youth Club wants to hear from you especially if you are 11 to 17 years old. Share your thoughts about what you would like from an open-access youth club in Ash. What kinds of activities and on what days would do you think the Youth Club should open?



Visit [tinyurl.com/AYC-2023](https://tinyurl.com/AYC-2023) to fill out the quick survey or use your mobile to scan the QR Code. Filling out, this form, will not only help the youth club understand what you want, it will also help demonstrate to potential funders/sponsors that youth club is wanted by the community.



#### Remembrance Service & Parade



On Sunday **12th November 2023**, everyone is invited to attend the public service and Parade leaving from the Ash Parish Centre, processing up to the War Memorial on Ash Hill Road. Each year members of the public congregate in the area at the entrance to the Ash Hill Road War Memorial for the Service of Remembrance. After the parade returns to the Ash Centre car park, refreshments will be available inside the Ash Centre.

Ash Hill Road will be closed from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm to allow residents to safely gather on the road and pavements.





## Ash Christmas Fantasia

On **Saturday 25th November 2023**, Ash will start its countdown to Christmas. In the Ash Centre, local charities, organisations, and businesses will fill the hall with stalls, games, treats, and gifts to buy. Entry is free and all funds raised will be donated to the Council's chosen charity of the year, the Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust. **At 4.30 pm**, after the close of the stalls, residents are invited to gather around the Christmas Tree and sing carols accompanied by the Ash Vale Ensemble. **Father Christmas** has



been invited to switch on the Christmas tree lights for the village. Please note that Ash Wharf Road will be closed between 4 pm and 6 pm for this event. Road closure notices will be displayed in advance. The tree has been donated to Ash Parish by the Surrey County Councillor, for Ash Division,

from their member's allowance.



## New Play Equipment At Harpers Rec

Many will already have had a chance to enjoy the new playground equipment at Harpers Recreation Ground which was chosen by residents following an online consultation. This offered three designs for new components with higher play value. Most residents chose "Design A", which was installed in May 2023. The cost of the upgrade was met by APC reserves for renewal and maintenance in addition to funding via GBC from the concurrent function grant scheme.



## Keep Your Canal Alive!

The Basingstoke Canal Society has launched a major campaign to help protect the canal. The campaign is aimed at keeping the canal beautiful and ensuring the 32-mile stretch of waterway can continue to be enjoyed by all. Visit [basingstoke-canal.org.uk/keep-your-canal-alive](http://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/keep-your-canal-alive) for more information.

### KEEP YOUR CANAL ALIVE!

Help safeguard your and your neighbourhood's health and habitat



Find out more on donating  
or become a member of the  
**Basingstoke Canal Society**

Kings College London & Canals & River Trust Study 2022

#### Feel healthier!

Use the 'green gym' where you can walk, run or cycle for free, taking care of your physical and mental health.

#### Feel happier!

Study shows spending time by a canal can make you feel happy\* whether on the footpath or navigating the water.

#### Feel connected!

An opportunity to meet people, make new friends or volunteer to make a difference.

#### Appreciate nature!

Support the biodiversity and the variety of nature the canal brings to your doorstep for future generations to enjoy.

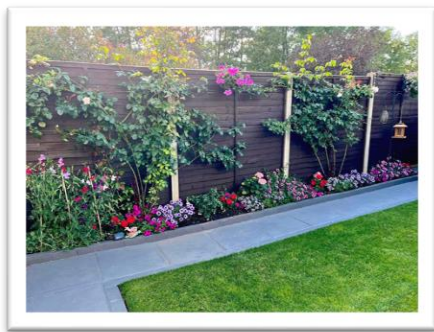


[www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/keep-your-canal-alive](http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/keep-your-canal-alive)





## Ash In Bloom Results

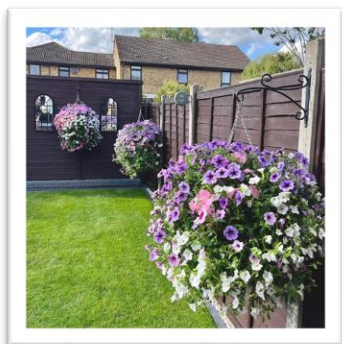


*Best Border (Laura Munro)*



*Best Tub Container (Susan DuBaree)*

**Ash In Bloom 2023** was decided by you the residents. 259 individuals cast their votes across all four categories. Ash In Bloom costs nothing to enter and those who were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each category, received a garden centre voucher. The prizes were donated by Dover Garage (Ash) & Squires Garden Centre. Visit our website to see all entries and please consider taking part in 2024!



*Best Hanging Basket (Laura Munro)*



Dover Garage (Ash) Ltd

*Ash in Bloom Sponsors*



*Best Veg Patch (Lindia Cizewska)*

## Ash Recreation Ground Play Equipment Renewal

Ash Parish Council is replacing the See-Saw and roundabout within the Ash Recreation playpark. The new See-Saw has been installed, with the new roundabout due to be installed during the Autumn of 2023. All of APC's playgrounds are inspected weekly by APC's qualified ground staff in addition to quarterly & annual inspections by third-party experts who undertake a detailed operational inspection. This ensures the parks are all safe and in working condition.



## Ash Road Bridge



Following the appointment of the main contractor for the Ash Road Bridge project, construction has started and is expected to take 18 months to complete. The objective is to replace the level crossing at Ash railway station (A323 Guildford Road), with a road bridge. The bridge will ease traffic issues in Ash and remove the safety risks associated with the railway crossing.

## Christmas Panto (Treasure Island) 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December

The production of Treasure Island is presented by PALS (Performing, Acting, Laughter and Singing) theatre group. Performances will take place between **15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December** at the **Victoria Hall**. Tickets will be made available via Eventbrite, with more information on their website [www.dramapals.co.uk](http://www.dramapals.co.uk).



**P.A.L.S.:** "We all know the rough story of how Jim Hawkins sets sail on the good ship Hispaniola to find the buried treasure. We know they meet pirates and Ben Gun along the way so this is our version. Jim Hawkup and his delightful Mother, Dame Hawkup, engage Captain Smellitsodealtit and his motley crew to help out. They set sail on the good ship Benidorm to the island (no, not Love Island – we are far too classy for that) They meet pirates, Long Jon Bon Jovey Silver and his ferocious beastly pirate crew and they do meet the Gun's – Betty and Boris, who are native islanders. We present our version of this old tale with singing (sort of) and dancing (meh) and hopefully entertain you and put you in the mood for Christmas."

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## Ash Parish Fete 2023 Review

This year, the Ash Parish Fete was held on Saturday 1st July, on the Ash Recreation Ground next to the Ash Centre. Local organisations, charities, and businesses provided a variety of stalls and games. Throughout live music and performances were held, including The Herberts, Surrey Dance Works, BC Academy Performing Arts, Jackie's School of Dance, and the Mayflower Morris Dancers. Jonathan Cann presented a Punch & Judy show and a magic show, which was enjoyed by all. The Mothers Union & Village Volunteers served refreshments inside the hall. The Ash Museum also exhibited photos and memorabilia from the past. Ash Parish Council would like to thank **Dover Garage Ash** and **HiSpeed Services** for their sponsorship. If you are interested in reserving a stall or performing at next year's event, please contact the Events team via [events@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](mailto:events@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) or call **01252 328287**.



## Classes Held In The Ash Centre

<b>Aldershot Taekwon-Do</b>	Monday & Friday various classes 4.30 pm - 9.00 pm
<b>Barbershop Choir</b>	Wednesday 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
<b>Cook Stars</b>	Monday 1.15 pm - 5.15 pm
<b>Flexercise</b>	Wednesday 10 am - 11 am
<b>Lauren Hillman Dance</b>	Thursday 4.15 pm - 7.15 pm
<b>MooMusic</b>	Tuesday 9.30 am - 11.30 pm
<b>Pilates with Lynda</b>	Tuesdays 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
<b>Surrey Children &amp; Family Health Baby Clinic</b>	Friday 9.15 am - 11.15 pm,
<b>Zumba</b>	Tuesday 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm, Thursday 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Useful phone numbers	
<b>999</b> For Emergencies	<b>0800 111 999</b> Gas Emergency
<b>101</b> Police Non-emergencies	<b>0333 000 0365</b> South East Water leak emergency
<b>111</b> NHS Non-emergencies	<b>0800 316 9800</b> Thames Water leak emergency
<b>01483 505050</b> Guildford Borough Council	<b>105</b> Power Cut

## Your Ash Parish Councillors

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