



Parish News

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Dear Parishioner

I was delighted to open the South West Thames Kidney Fund's Christmas Fair. This along with the Parish Council's Christmas Fantasia was yet again a huge success. Santa came to switch on the lights of the Christmas tree. Carols were sung, accompanied by the band of the Salvation Army and St. Peter's church choir. I must take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Angie Morrow for organising the fair, the staff of Ash Parish Council for organising the Christmas Fantasia, St Peter's Church Choir and the Salvation Army for providing the music and everyone else who attended or was involved in making such a success of this now annual event.



Looking to the future a community launch of the Tongham, Ash & Normandy Youth project (**TANY**) is planned for February 2005. This is a mobile youth centre in the form of a bus, which will visit the local villages on a regular basis. Thanks to very generous donations, the bus has been fully kitted out with carpets, soft furnishings and computer equipment.

To find out more, or to get involved with this exciting project, please call Pat Scott on 01252 324941.

*Cllr Nigel Manning
Chairman Ash Parish Council*

Pudsey Bear leads the way for Children In Need



Pudsey Bear alias Chairman of the Council, Councillor Nigel Manning, joined Councillor John Ades and Police Sgt Tina Griffiths to start rowing a marathon of 26.2 miles in aid of Children in Need.

Using three rowing machines at the Energy Level Fitness Centre, Ash, a team of Councillors, Community Wardens, Police Community Officers, Police Officers and the manager of the Fitness Centre took 3 hours and 44 minutes to complete the distance.

The team, through sponsorship from many local residents, raised around £1,500 for "Children in Need". The event was organised by Garry Jones (Community Warden).

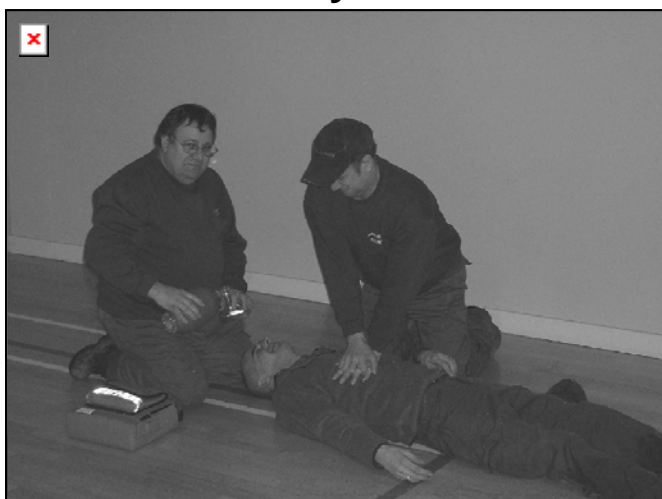


Pudsey bear hard at work.

Rail Services - Opposition to changes

Ash Parish Council has been actively involved in opposing the changes to the South West Trains winter timetable. The revised service started in December 2004 and means a poorer service for our residents and other long-suffering commuters. The Parish Council is extremely disappointed, that the Alton line, which runs through Ash Vale and Aldershot, has been singled out for these insensitive cuts. This has come, at a time when we are all being encouraged to get out of our cars and use public transport, and the Council cannot understand why South West Trains has decided to implement such ill thought out changes.

Life Saving Machine Your Community needs You!



Ash Parish Council now has a life saving defibrillator machine, which has been very kindly donated by local resident Mrs Beryl Wagner.

The machine is capable of saving the lives of people who have suffered a cardiac arrest. A team of Council employees have already volunteered and been trained by the Surrey Ambulance Service, to be on call during their working hours.

However to enable the Surrey Ambulance Service and community to get the maximum benefit from this life saving machine, more local volunteers are required. Full training and support is given by the Ambulance Service, which is fully backed up with regular training sessions.

If you would like to volunteer and be part of this worthwhile community project, please contact Mrs Ann Delbridge the Parish Clerk on 01252 328287 or email office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk

YOU COULD SAVE A LIFE !!

Ash Fun Day—16 July 2005

Ash Parish Council will be having a **Community Fun Day** on the 16 July 2005 at the Ash Centre and Recreation Ground.

Planning is at an early stage but the **Community Fun Day** will consist of competitions for fruit, flowers, vegetables and crafts. Side shows including Tombola, Raffles, 'Bring and Buy' and craft stalls, a small fairground, bouncy castle, miniature railway, refreshments together with displays by local groups performing in a central arena.

We hope to involve as many clubs and organisations as possible to raise money for themselves, for charities, or to promote their own organisations. It could also be a good opportunity for all organisations to recruit volunteers.

Clubs and other organisations will be contacted over the next few weeks to participate in this Community Fun Day, or you can contact the organisers directly.

We hope that clubs, organisations and social groups, both young and old will take part and help strengthen the community spirit within the parish. Please make a note of the date in your diaries and we look forward to a good community day on 16 July 2005.

Organiser contact details:

Ash Parish Council Office - 01252 328287
or out of office hours:
Cllrs Jenny and Bill Cole - 01252 664675

Sixty Wind Turbines in The Local Region in Twelve Years Time



In May 2003, the South East Regional Assembly (SERA) issued their 'Revised Regional Planning

Guide entitled 'Harnessing the Elements'. SERA has proposed a greater use of renewable energy in our Region (Surrey & Thames Valley), in line with Government policy.

SERA is proposing that the proportion of electricity generated by renewable resources, should be 5.5% (140MW) by 2010, rising to 16.0% (209MW) by 2026.

The bulk of the electricity (about 60%) will come from biomass burning, woods from coppices and crops grown specifically for fuel. Combined Heat and Power Plants (CHP) will be used to maximise energy saving. Wind turbines will generate about 30% of the 'green' electricity.

In the longer term Photovoltaic and Tidal generation techniques will be developed. Waste management is also expected to contribute to electricity generation. However, at this time, Government policy is that this is a secondary consideration to recycling!

Implementation of these changes will be through local authorities who will be asked to assess how they can contribute.

Throughout the Autumn of 2003, public consultation and meetings were held on this issue. The final document is now being prepared.

Further information can be obtained from: www.southeast-ra.gov.uk. Tel No 01483 555200.

Shawfield Road Pedestrian Tunnel

The continuing problem of the lighting of the Shawfield Road pedestrian tunnel is soon to be resolved. Guildford Borough Council have agreed and approved funding for improvements to be carried out.

Some of your local Parish Councillors attended a demonstration of the proposed scheme, which has been designed to light the whole length of the tunnel. The scheme itself is revolutionary in that it uses a combination of bright coloured lights, which will greatly enhance the walkway. After the demonstration, the councillors agreed that the proposal will definitely create an exciting and much safer environment, for all the pedestrians, who use the route.

Cleaner Streets for Ash.

Ash residents are to benefit from extra street sweeping thanks to Operation Reassurance which has funded a new street sweeping machine for the area. The sweeper, operated by Guildford Borough Council, will sweep pavements as well as road channels; this will help to create a much safer environment for the residents of Ash.

Operation Reassurance is a national programme that aims to tackle issues within communities that have an effect on residents' feeling of safety.



Parish Councillor John Ades pictured with the new sweeper .

Schools in Ash Parish

Holly Lodge Primary School – Mission Statement – ‘Roots to grow and wings to fly’

Set in a pleasant, wooded environment with modern classrooms, an assembly hall, library, computer suite, and music room the school aims for excellence by setting challenging standards for each child, so that purposeful learning takes place.

We provide an environment of positive support and equal opportunity in which all members of the school community can achieve their full potential. The school aims to foster good relationships with pupils and parents to enable every child to become an adaptable, confident and autonomous learner.

Holly Lodge strives not only to achieve high standards in academic work but also in extra curricular activities such as football, netball, cricket, cross-country, rounders, computer, drama, art, gymnastics, choir and dancing clubs. The school teams take part in sporting tournaments between schools and also displays of music, dance and drama on special occasions. If you would like any further information please telephone 01252 548390 or visit our website on www.holly-lodge.org or Email: info@holly-lodge.surrey.sch.uk.

The school has been identified in the Chief Inspector of Schools Annual Report 2004 as one of the top performing schools in the country.

Congratulations!



Ash Parish Council would like to congratulate the staff and pupils at Ash Walsh C of E Junior School. Owing to the success of the pupils in the 2004 national tests and the SATS in recent years, the school has been named as one of the top 100 most improved schools in the country.

The confirmation came in a letter to the head Teacher, from David Milliband MP Minister of State for School Standards. This is a wonderful accolade and a real tribute to the young people in our community.

James Payne Memorial Fund

This is a local charity administered by Ash Parish Council for the general benefit of the people of Ash. It was created twenty years ago from the will of a local resident, Miss Winifred Massey.

Last year's grant recipients were two local parishioners, and several groups, including 2nd Ash Scout Group, the TANY Project, Walsh Memorial C of E Infant School.

Further enquiries and grant applications should be sent to: Cllr William Cole, Secretary/Treasurer, Ash Parish Council Offices. Address as below.

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