



Parish News

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Visitors to the Ash Centre should now be experiencing the benefits, which the Council has introduced over the summer months. These include an air conditioning system, a new acoustic ceiling and new rendering to the outside of the building.

The Ash Centre, whilst being successful has, from the outset, suffered from poor design and lack of vision, in terms of the intended community use. A number of complaints have arisen from both neighbours and hirers as a result of this. The current administration has recognised that solutions had to be found to address all these shortcomings.

The decision to install an air conditioning system was taken as the centre was becoming very hot in the summer. After months of consultation with specialist engineers, a gas powered system was chosen. I hope that users of the Centre now find the environment much more comfortable.



Nigel Manning

The problem of noise escaping and the poor acoustics in the main hall have also been addressed. Following lengthy discussions with specialist acoustic engineers, the offending “tower” has been sealed off and the slatted ceiling has been replaced with a fibre tiled false ceiling. This prevents noise escaping and absorbs noise reverberation.



Ash Centre

The vertical tile cladding on the outside of the building suffered serious vandalism. This has been replaced with new smart rendering which is far more “vandal” proof.

Finally on behalf of the Council, I would like to thank Cllr. Bill Cole for all his technical expertise “behind the scenes” which has made all these projects possible.

Cllr Nigel Manning

Chairman Ash Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

12TH NOVEMBER 2006



Ash War Memorial

This years Remembrance Day Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 12th November 2006.

Ash Parish Councillors and local uniformed organisations, led by a lone piper, will parade from the Ash Centre car park at 10.40 a.m. to the War Memorial in Ash Hill Road.

A service of Remembrance will be led by the clergy from the churches in Ash accompanied by the North East Hampshire Area School Band.

The parade will return to the Ash Centre car park for dismissal by the Parade Marshall.

Following the parade tea and coffee will be served at the Ash Centre by members of St. Peter’s Church.



Lone Piper

1st Ash Vale Scout Group

This very successful Scout Group is looking to increase its numbers and now, for the first time, is admitting girls. The Beaver Colony, Cub Packs and Scout Troop meet at the HQ in Wood Street, Ash Vale where they enjoy traditional scouting craft, trips and of course, regular camps.

In addition to recruiting new young people, we also need more Leaders, so when you apply for your son or daughter to join, why not volunteer yourself and get involved in this fun and worthwhile activity?

Applications to join should be made as follows:

Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 yrs.) - Sarah Brown - 01252 324810.

Cub Scouts - Pathfinders (8 to 10 ½ yrs) - Marilyn Avery - 01252 314098.

Cub Scouts – Wayfarers (8 to 10 ½ yrs) - Linda West - 01252 54881.

Scouts (10 ½ to 14 yrs) - David Moyle - 01252 345044.



Scout abseiling at summer camp



1st Ash Vale Scout Hut

For more general information please contact Geoff Beavan, Group Executive Chairman, on 01252 327921.

Scouting is still a great way for youngsters to grow and develop into confident and well-adjusted adults. So phone today, to give your child the opportunity to learn valuable life skills in a fun and caring way.

New Ash Parish Councillor

We would like to welcome Mrs Kathy Simmons to the Ash Parish Council as the new councillor for Ash South Ward.

Kathy has lived in the area for almost thirty years, the last eleven being in Ash Green. She has always been active in the local community including the early “Safe Routes to School Project”, campaigning to help save the daily bus service through Ash Green, pressing the County Highways department to keep the right turn gap across the Hog’s Back into White Lane and regularly contacts Surrey County Council to cut back the vegetation along the footpath from White Lane into Foreman Road .

Kathy is keen to expand her community commitment to a wider area of Ash residents.



Kathy Simmons

Ash Fun Day

After weeks of wall to wall sunshine Saturday 22nd July 2006 saw the first heavy rain in Ash just fifteen minutes after the official opening of the Ash Fun Day. The event was opened by the Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Angela Gunning, accompanied by the Chairman of the Ash Parish Council, Councillor Nigel Manning.



Cllr Nigel Manning, Chairman of the Ash Parish Council and the Mayor of Guildford Cllr Mrs Angela Gunning

Despite the heavy rain during the first hour, the day proved to be a great success. The first two planned events for the central arena were moved into the main hall of the Ash Centre. First to perform were the Playmakers, the local area dramatic group followed by the enchanting young children from the Godalming School of Dance who regularly use the Ash Centre for their lessons.

The Mayflower Morris dancers were able to give their display in the car park and this was followed by another performance from the Playmakers in the central arena on the Recreation Ground.

The whole of the event was compered by the Radio Frimley Park Hospital Team. Again with their humour and imaginative choice of music, they did a brilliant job, especially in getting the young people into the central arena to give their own dance performance of jive.



Playmakers Dramatic Group

Earlier in the day local MP Michael Gove judged the children's painting competition. This year's theme was "Flight" and this was supported by many local nurseries and schools. At 12 noon the judging of the flower, vegetable, cooking and craft competitions was done by local experienced judges.



Mayflower Morris Dancers

During the afternoon, presentations were made by Michael Gove of certificates to winners of the various categories with the children also receiving prizes.

Numerous stallholders, representing various groups from in and around the village were at the Fun Day to either raise money for charity, or to promote and raise awareness of their particular activities. Also present were the traditional selection of refreshments, including ice creams, burger bar, candy floss and the beer tent. For the children there were funfair rides, a bouncy castle and other games.



Michael Gove MP with winners of the flower arrangement category

Despite the rain the Fun Day was a great success and Ash Parish Council would like to thank all the stall holders and commercial organisations who attended, also the officers and volunteers who gave up their time to make it a very enjoyable day.

Note for your 2007 diary – **Ash Parish Council - Fun Day 21st July 2007.**



Christmas Fantasia



Saturday 2nd December 2006

STALLS and GAMES

A Christmas Fayre
From 2 pm at
The Ash Centre

CRAFTS and GIFTS

**4.30pm at the Wharf
Christmas Carols
around the
Christmas Tree
with the Salvation
Army Band and
St Peter's Church Choir**



**approx 5.00pm
FATHER CHRISTMAS
will switch on the
Christmas Tree Lights
followed by Mulled Wine
And Mince Pies at
the Ash Centre**



If you would like to place an article about a community event in a future issue of this newsletter, or if you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter or website, please contact :
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