



Parish News

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Chairman's Report

I am delighted to report that despite the dismal summer, Ash Parish Council has repeated its success of earlier years and has won a Gold Award in the Guildford in Bloom competition. The Parish also took the Gold Award in the Best Kept Parish Category. This is a wonderful achievement and my thanks go to the dedicated and hard working ground staff employed by the Parish Council.

I would also like to draw your attention to this year's Christmas Fantasia which is being held on 1st December 2007. This popular annual event, organised by the councillors and staff of Ash Parish Council, promises to be a fun event for all the family. The highlight of the day is when Father Christmas comes to Ash, to switch on the Christmas tree lights. Don't miss out, put the date in your diary and I look forward to seeing you there.



Finally on a more serious note, my fellow Councillors and I, often get complaints that there are never enough Police on our streets. We all know that Surrey Police are poorly funded by the Government. The limited resources available are targeted by the number of recorded incidents. Every time the **0845 125 2222** number is called, the call and type of incident is logged; even if a police officer, for whatever reason does not/cannot attend. The Guildford Neighbourhood Inspector reviews these statistics and allocates (Police) resources accordingly. So, no matter how trivial an incident may be, for example damage to a parked motor vehicle, it is vitally important that you call **0845 125 2222** to record the crime. Of course, in a real emergency always call 999. Hopefully, if we all do "our bit", we may see more police on our streets.

*Councillor Nigel Manning
Chairman Ash Parish Council*

CHRISTMAS FANTASIA

STALLS
TOMBOLAS
GAMES

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2007

AT 2.00pm

THE ASH CENTRE, ASH HILL ROAD, ASH, SURREY

With

CAROL SINGING AT ASH WHARF

4.30PM

**FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL SWITCH
ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS**

AT 5.00PM

Ash Grange Primary School Vegetable Garden

Do you have a spare hour or two at lunchtime



The creation of a vegetable garden is being planned at Ash Grange School. The project is designed to enhance the children's awareness and understanding of growing plants; to develop the rewards and pleasures of gardening and to encourage and appreciate wild life in a growing environment.



The vegetable plot will be part of a designated piece of land, which is to become the 'nature reserve'. This will also include a "wet" area, a pond, a tall grass maze and the planting of several trees and bushes.

The first part of the project is to involve children in the design, planting and general care of the vegetable plot. The school is looking for and would welcome, volunteers from the community with gardening experience, to work with children during lunchtimes, to establish the vegetable garden. Volunteers may offer as much time as they can and if enough volunteers come forward it is hoped to establish a rota..

All children will be supervised by a member of staff and all volunteers would need to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Check.

If you feel you can help with this rewarding and worthwhile project, please call Ash Grange School 01252 328589 .

Ash Citizens Advice Bureau

Ash Centre
Ash Hill Road,
Ash,
Surrey, GU12 5DP.



Telephone: 01252 315569
Email: ashcab@cabnet.org.uk
Website: www.ashcab.org.uk

Open: Monday to Thursday
10.00am - 4.00pm.

By Appointment:
Wednesday evening
4.00pm - 6.00pm



**SURREY
POLICE**

Ash Police Station
120-122 Ash Street
Ash, Surrey GU12 6LL

The public counter has now been re-opened part time and is staffed by volunteers from the local community.

The current opening hours are as follows:

Monday	7.00pm to 9.00pm
Wednesday	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Friday	10.00am to 12.00pm
Saturday	10.00am to 12.00pm

You can get help with:

- Fixed penalty notices
- Handing in found property
- Reports of lost property
- Reporting crime.

Do you have a problem that your local M.P may be able to help you with?

Michael Gove is the M.P for Surrey Heath, which incorporates, Ash, Ash Vale and Ash Green. He holds regular surgeries in Ash. To make an appointment please telephone 01276 472468 or email office@shca.org.uk.

Alternatively you can view Michael's website at www.michaelgove.com



Police Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

Do you want to have a say on local policing matters? If so, come along to the Neighbourhood Panel meetings.

Meetings take place at the Ash Centre on the following dates:

- Tuesday December 11th, 2007
- Tuesday January 8th, 2008
- Tuesday February 12th, 2008
- Tuesday April 22nd, 2008
- Tuesday May 27th, 2008
- Tuesday July 1st, 2008

Please note the 2008 dates are provisional.

For more information see www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk or www.surrey.police.uk.

Success for Ash in Guildford in Bloom Awards



Pictured left are the council staff with the two Guildford in Bloom **Gold** Awards for the Best Kept Parish and Best in Category. From left to right, Kevin Graham (groundsman), Stephanie Keenan (receptionist/administrator), Mark Collings (grounds foreman), Paul Down (deputy grounds foreman), Carole Olive (acting clerk of the council) and Paul Bath (groundsman).

On the right is Ash resident, Mrs Lyn Worswick, who won a Silver Gilt Award, in the Best Small Front Garden Category.



In addition to this, Tiltham's Garage in Ash Street won a Silver Award for the Best Business in Bloom and Walsh Church of England Junior School won two Silver Awards for the Best School Garden Project and the Best School Allotment.

Congratulations to everyone!

A Big Thank you!



Ash Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to **all** the sponsors of the Hanging Baskets and Roundabouts, which have added colour and character around the village. They are the Dover Garage, K & S Hair Studio, Vale Furnishers, the Ash Citizens



Advice Bureau, the Swan Public House, Mitchell & Partners, Village Pets, The Forge Works, Advanced Preservations, Phoenix Security, Kebur Garden Materials and Southern Tyres.

The help and support of the above have been a major contributory factor in the Council's success, in the Guildford in Bloom competition and our sincere thanks goes to all of them.

Ash Stamp Club

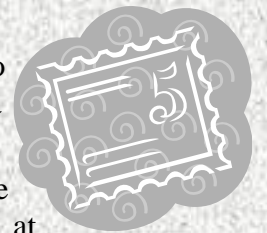
Do you have a pile of old stamp albums gathering dust in the loft? Would you like to pursue stamp collecting as a hobby but do not know where to start? Do you know a Penny Black from a Machin Head? If so, the Ash Stamp Club may be for you.

The Ash Stamp Club was started in April of this year and is currently trying to increase its membership base. The club meets on the 3rd Monday monthly (except August) at 8.00pm, usually finishing at about 10.00pm, at the St.Peter's Centre, Ash Church Road, Ash.

At the club nights various events are held including swop shops, member's nights and visits by guest speakers. A number of speakers covering different facets of postal history and stamp collecting have been arranged over the coming months.

Everyone is welcome and no one should feel "out of your depth" or think that your collection is not good enough. There is an annual membership fee of £15.00 but no charge is made for the first "come and see" visit.

For further information please email the club on info@ashstampclub.co.uk or see the club's website at www.ashstampclub.co.uk or for the less technically minded, please phone the club chairman/secretary Harry Coupland on 01252 312938.



The Surrey Care Trust

Celebrating 25 years of creating life changing opportunities

Surrey Care Trust gives immediate practical support to many who are facing hardship and helps people to gain better life opportunities through training and education. The charity strives to ...

- Provide life-changing opportunities to people of all ages through counselling, training and education.
- Inspire and encourage adults to return to learning through family and community education.
- Offer an alternative education to vulnerable youngsters who have struggled to fit into the mainstream system.
- Run a school inclusion program to get disaffected youngsters back on track at school before they are excluded or drop out.
- Operate a canal boat, Swingbridge, for volunteers and offenders to carry out environmental work and to develop skills.
- Organise trips on the Swingbridge for people coping with illness, disability or who have other special needs.
- Give 'Crisis Grants' to people in urgent need of help and support throughout Surrey.
- Conduct 'Lifeskills' courses for 16 to 25 year-olds without qualifications.



If you feel you need help from the trust or wish to support their important work, please phone: 01483 426990 or you can visit their website: www.surreycaretrust.co.uk.



Don't forget Christmas Fantasia
Saturday 1st December 2007
from 2.00pm

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 the parish office, telephone: 01252 328287.

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Cllr Graham Hawes	(01252) 317763	(Ash Wharf Ward)
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