



Parish News

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Dear Parishioner,

Spring is here, so now is the time to look back to see what happened over the long winter months.

The Christmas Fantasia was a huge success. Father Christmas and his helpers came to switch on the tree lights at the Wharf, while carols were sung led by the Salvation Army Band and the choir of St Peters Church. Later mulled wine and mince pies were served at the Ash Centre. May I say a big thank you to the Salvation Army and the Choir for their continued support. Also a big thank you to the residents and children who turned up to make it such an enjoyable occasion. I hope to see you all in December this year.

December also saw, the Parish Council in conjunction with Vale Furnishers sponsor a 'Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition'. Many local businesses entered into the spirit of this and there were some excellent displays. The winner was the RSPCA Charity Shop in Wharf Road. Congratulations to the prize-winner and also thank you to all those who took part.

The Parish Council has recently re-launched it's website at www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk. You will be able to find lots of information about the Parish Council, it's activities, your local County, Borough and Parish Councillors, plus many other useful items of interest. Watch out for future updates and developments!

Nigel Manning
Chairman Ash Parish Council

Gold - 2003

For the second year running Ash Parish Council won the gold award for 'Best Kept Parish' in the annual 'Guildford in Bloom' competition. This is a wonderful achievement and a tribute to our excellent ground staff.

It is worth noting that the award is not judged solely on the quality of the planting and hanging baskets, it also takes into account the environment of the village as a whole.

This years Guildford In Bloom competition is due to be launched towards the end of April and the Parish Council hopes that the residents will continue to take a pride in their local community and that together we can make it three in a row!

Amongst those pictured receiving the Gold Award from the Mayor of Guildford are:-

Nigel Manning, Chairman of the Parish Council
Mark Collings, Head Groundsman
Paul Charles Down, Deputy Head Groundsman



Community Event for Parish

The Parish Council will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 5 June 2004 at the Ash Common Recreation Ground, Ash Hill Road, Ash, Surrey.

The car boot sale is open to all local charitable organisations and schools who would like to participate and raise funds for their own projects and any other interested participants.

Charges: Charitable organisations and schools Free
Others £10.00
No commercial vehicles allowed

For further information and application form please contact:

Ash Parish Council
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The Tany Project

The TANY Project (Tongham, Ash and Normandy Youth) is a youth bus project in its early stages of set up. The vision has arisen to take over a coach to set up as a mobile youth lounge.



It has become increasingly apparent in the Ash parish and the surrounding villages that there is a desperate need for an improvement in the youth services in this unique village location. A variety of individuals in the community have come together to create and support an exciting vision for young people. Between them they represent the Ash Parish Council, local Police force, community safety wardens, church members and others. This really is a full community project.



The opportunity to advance the development of young people in the parish of Ash and the surrounding villages, focussing on the personal development through quality relationships, is very exciting. There are many ways that the young people are already involved with ideas for fundraising eg balloon race, dance-athon, design competition, as well as actually re fitting the bus to enable youth provision work to be carried forward.

Mrs Pat Scott
Chair - Telephone: (01252) 324941

THE 1st ASH VALE SCOUT GROUP



The 1st Ash Vale Scout Group was first founded in 1938, and has since then grown into a well-supported, and extremely successful Group, the largest in the District (Ash, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Farnborough and Cove) and the only official Scout Association Scout Group serving the Ash Vale area, drawing boys from Ash, Ash Vale, Tongham and Mytchett. The Group incorporates all the Scouting sections for boys between the ages of 5³/₄ and 14. District Explorer Scouts, between the ages of 14 and 18 also meet at our headquarters in Wood Street.

At 5³/₄ years old, boys can join as **Beaver Scouts**, who meet on Mondays from 5.00pm – 6.15pm. Here, Beavers start their Scouting life playing, learning and working for their first badges, which they wear with pride on their uniforms. The Beaver Colony is run by Chris Fitzpatrick, who can be contacted on 01252 695922.

At 8 years of age, boys will transfer to one of our two Cub Packs and become **Cub Scouts**. Cubs will carry on being taught the valuable lessons of sharing, teamwork and leadership, whilst at the same time following a fun programme. The Pathfinders Pack meets on Mondays from 6.30pm-8.00pm, and is run by Marilyn Avery (Telephone 01252 314098). The Wayfarers Pack meets on Tuesdays from 6.30pm-8.00pm, and is run by Linda West (Telephone 01252 549881).

When boys reach 10¹/₂ years of age, they are ready to become **Scouts**. The Scout Troop consists of boys organised in Patrols, working towards a variety of awards and learning all sorts of valuable skills and techniques. Camping features highly in the Scout Troop, being at the heart of Scouting, and many camps are held during the year, including a week's Summer Camp, when the Scouts get the chance to put into practice all the skills they've learned during the year. The Scout Troop meets on Fridays from 7.30pm-9.30pm, and is run by David Moyle (Telephone 01252 345044).

Activities are at the centre of all our programmes. We have Leaders trained and registered to instruct in various specialist activities, including Canoeing, Air Rifle Shooting and Archery. Our headquarters building is also a registered Air Rifle Shooting range, and one of our Leaders runs a Canoeing club from his home backing onto the Basingstoke Canal

Our Group has a dedicated band of Leaders, all of whom are CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checked. They are committed to providing local boys with worthwhile and valuable experiences, maintaining the principles of Scouting, and helping them to develop as young people, while at the same time making sure that they have **fun** doing it!

If you would like to know more about what boys can get out of Scouting locally, please contact the Group Scout Leader, Barry Jones on 01252 312250 or 07930 435104, or by e-mail on barry@barr

Ash Parish Councillors

Ash Vale Ward

Cllr Nigel Manning (01252) 665999
Cllr Mrs Marsha Moseley (01252) 665999
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Cllr Mrs Ann Graham (01252) 329670
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Cllr Graham Hawes (01252) 317763
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Ash South Ward

Cllr John G Ades (01252) 323909
Cllr Mrs Rosemary Hall (01252) 321427
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SHAWFIELD CENTRE

Shawfield Road
Telephone Number: 01252 326304

WHAT IS BEHIND JAPONICA COURT?

We can all hold our hands up to this one. Have you tucked something away only to find that on looking for it you come across something that is far more important and precious than what you were originally looking for?

Shawfield Centre is rather like that. Our little gem of a centre has been tucked away from the main road and more recently behind Japonica Court for over a period of 20 years. Do I hear you ask, who and what are Shawfields, and just what do they do?

In a joint working partnership between Guildford Borough Council and Shawfield Association the centre provides Day Care Services for those over the age of 50. You may live alone or be a carer needing a little respite care during the day, perhaps to see friends or just have some time to yourself to amble around the shops and have a cup of coffee. For whatever the reason, we can offer a first class professional service. With the warm, friendly environment that we provide we know that you would be proud to say that you attend Shawfields. Transport can be provided by Dial-a-Ride to and from the centre at a small charge.

As with other Centres, we have listened and looked at what we provide. For the more rather energetically retired we are now providing 'Line Dancing' and training on a one to one basis in our Internet Computer section. Music & Movement with Hedi and Sandra take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays afternoons. Or, you may prefer a quieter time relaxing with others in the conservatory or lounge taking in a game of dominoes, quizzes, scrabble or reading groups. Alas, we cannot perform miracles but at the hairdressing salon we can make you look glamorous and with manicured feet by the chiropodist we know that we have something for everyone that attends Shawfields.

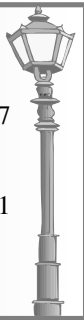
Fund Raising is an essential occupation and one that is carried out with a passion that is unique to the charity '**Shawfield Association**'. Fund Raisers may have come and gone over the years, but the magic touch has been passed down from person to person and thankfully carried on. Shawfields Charity is able to supply those extras that we so often take for granted. It is not an unusual or a strange sight to see, someone passing you in the corridors dressed up in all manner of clothing whilst raising funds! Fun evenings are fun, from skittles, (supported by the Standard of England) to Bingo Fish & Chips and candlelit Big Band Jazz Evenings, something available for everyone.

We could not cope without our stalwart, active, group of volunteers who give their days and time to the centre tirelessly throughout the week. They help from receiving people on the desk when booking meals, to in the shop, tea bar and being in the dining room helping those that are less mobile with teas, coffees, and lunches.

It is amazing what happens behind buildings! To be part of it, or to find out more please feel free to either telephone or call into the centre and ask to speak to the Manager or Deputy Manager and have a chat over a cup of coffee or tea.



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Street Lights not working?
Telephone: (01252) 328287
or for main roads
Telephone: (01483) 503151

*Fly Tipping, Refuse or
Litter Collection*
Telephone:
(01483) 444499



Abandoned Vehicles
please telephone
(01483) 445082



Christmas Painting Competition 2003

As part of the Christmas Fantasia celebrations, the Parish Council also held a painting competition. All the local schools were invited to ask their children to take part and to paint their favourite Christmas Picture.

There were some brilliant entries, we definitely have some budding artists in our midst!

The winning entries were awarded their certificates and prizes (donated by the staff of the Ash Parish Council) at the Council meeting held on 8 December 2003.

Age Category 4-6 years

1st Prize *Amelia Norman*
 Ash Walsh Memorial Infant School

2nd Prize *Alexander Gover*
 Ash Walsh Memorial Infant School

Age Category 7-8 years

1st Prize *Sian Gover*
 Ash Walsh Junior School

2nd Prize *Molli Stockhart*
 Ash Grange Primary School

Age Category 9-11 years

1st Prize *Abbie Smith*
 Ash Walsh Junior School

2nd Prize *Rebecca Cooper*
 Shawfield Primary School



50 Years of Ash WI 1953-2003



Ladies

Have you thought of joining your local 'Calendar Girls' at the Women's Institute?

We will not ask you to pose but would like you to come and meet us and join in our friendly monthly meeting.

Ash Hill Evening WI is 34 years old, a friendly, easy-going WI with members of varying ages from 18 to 80 years who would like to welcome you to their meetings. Come as a guest one month.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Community Centre, Wood Street, Ash Vale (just off the Vale Road) at 7.45 pm. You will find a varied programme of speakers and events to interest you, have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

For more information. Please contact:

Mollie Scott, President on 01252 325781 or
Audrey Lefevre, Secretary on 01252 325248

HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

Last summer the council arranged a hanging basket competition for residents of the village. There were many fantastic displays to judge and it was a really difficult task to decide who were the winners. After much deliberation, it was agreed that the worthy winners were:

1st Prize was awarded to: *Mr Harry Harrison*
 £50 gardening voucher donated by
 Little Acres, Badshot Lea, Farnham,

2nd Prize was awarded to: *Pauline Collinson*
 A wonderful plant display donated by
 Ash Parish Council

The winners were awarded their prizes at the Council meeting on Monday 13 October 2003. Congratulation to them all.

So, if you enjoy gardening and love a challenge, why not enter this years' competition?

Entry is FREE. Judging will take place during August. The awards will be presented later in the autumn. For more details, and an entry form, please contact the Council Offices:

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Editorial



As mentioned by the Chairman, the website is now up and running, and it will be constantly updated and reviewed.

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 or comments for improving the newsletter or website, please contact me:

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