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The Parish Newsletter for everyone in Ash, Hodsoll St, New Ash Green and Ridley. Contact 01474 702760

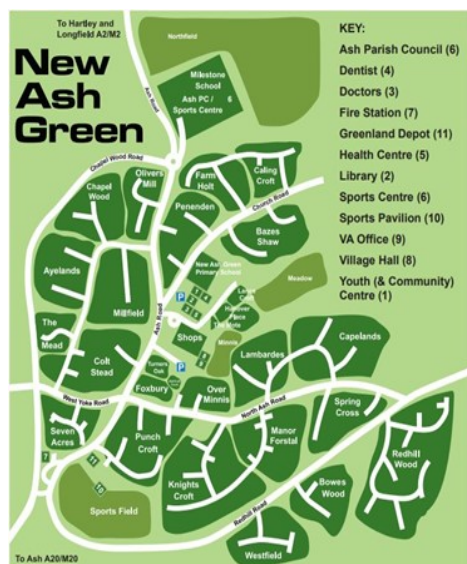


FREE Fun Sessions
Supporting the New Ash Green 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Sponsored by **Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council**
Children under 8 years of age must be supervised by a parent/carers at all times

On the Minnis from 10.30—1.30pm	
Tuesday 8th August - Crafts , games, inflatable and African Drumming. Provided by Play Place and IMAGO	
Tuesday 22nd August—Crafts, games, inflatable and Circus Skills. Provided by Play Place	
Tuesday 29th August— Crafts, games, inflatable and Entertainer. Provided by Play Place	

NAG 50 QUIZ TRAIL



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?
FANCY A PLEASANT STROLL AROUND THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE?
ENJOY TESTING YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND MAYBE ADDING TO IT?
IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU—WHY NOT PICK UP A FREE COPY AND HAVE A GO?
COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE, THE LIBRARY, HARTLEY ESTATES AND THE VA OFFICE

When you have done it, you can check your answers on a reference copy at the Library, Ash Green Sports Centre and Hartley Estates.

Small packet of sweets for all participants

The Church of St Peter, Ridley

Ridley Church is listed Grade II * and was first listed in 1967. It has a Norman nave and a 13th century chancel, which was renewed in the 19th century. It is built of flint but the nave is now rendered. The bell cote is weatherboarded and dates to about 1797. The porch was added in the 19th century and the nave lengthened. The font is of 19th century date and there is an 18th century wooden lectern.

One of the most well known rectors of Ridley in the 19th century was the Revd Thomas Phelps. He lived in Rectory House, which is along Rectory Road. He was rector from 1840 until 1893. He married Laura Hart Dyke and together they had three sons, Henry George Hart Phelps, Herbert Dampier Phelps RN and Rev Dr Lancelot Ridley Phelps (Provost of Oriel College, Oxford). The Revd Thomas Phelps did much to improve the church in the 1850s, including building two porches and lengthening the chancel.

There is a wonderful book about Phelps's life, entitled "A Victorian Parson", by Gerald van Loo, which also gives lots of additional information about the residents of Ridley in the 1800s.

In the churchyard there is a memorial to the Hennell family. The Revd Harold Barclay Hennell was rector of both Ash and Ridley in the 1900s. He had two sons David Barclay Hennell and Thomas Barclay Hennell both of whom were killed during World War II and are commemorated on the Ash War Memorial. There is also a stained glass memorial window in Ridley Church by Leonard Walker.



Thomas Hennell was a writer and artist, specialising in essays and illustrations of the British countryside. In 1934 he wrote and illustrated a book called "Change on the Farm" which was greatly influenced by his early upbringing in Ridley. He became a war artist during the Second World War and was killed while serving in Indonesia in November 1945. His brother David died at home in June 1943 and was buried in Ridley Churchyard.

Ash Burial Ground

Plans for the introduction of a Memorial Garden in Ash Burial Ground for the interment of Ashes are progressing and further details will be available in the next edition.

A reminder to all residents that we keep a stock of clear recycling and garden waste sacks for sale at Ash Green Sports Centre Reception. The garden waste sacks are £14.00 for a pack of 25 and the clear recycling sacks 50p per roll of 30 sacks



West Kent Communities Youth Services

FREE fun sessions for ALL 10—14 year olds

23 August at The Minnis



10.30am—1pm Urban Arts

Learn new skills with a professional graffiti artist!

2.30pm—5pm Roll up! Roll up! Learn to juggle and more!



25 August at the New Ash Green Village Hall



10am—2pm—Come Dine With Us!

Starter: Level 1 Award in Food Hygiene

Main: Have fun designing and cooking a meal for others to taste

Pudding: A sweet, free, fun day!

2.30pm—5pm AAAND ACTION! Drama Workshop—Exciting drama workshop with fun activities and lots to learn!



23rd and 25th August, activities must be booked.

Book your free place at: westkent.org/funfest

Places are limited—so book early!

COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME

The aim of the Community Awards Scheme is to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community. Cllr Mike Brown presented

Mrs Alison Harding with her Community Award at the Annual Parish Meeting on 10 May 2017 which she received with pride and remembrance. Alison will continue to carry on her community work which she finds fulfilling and enjoyable.

Alison has lived in New Ash Green for 32 years coming from city life in London and Liverpool. Her early stage involvement was with the Bookshop which was run as a co-operative and this introduced her to village life in this community.

Alison said that she learned a lot from other people, who were committed to New Ash Green and making it a better place to live, supporting local businesses and organisations. Many people will have cause to thank Alison for her quiet unobtrusive care for the community, working with the Social Committee helping with the annual Village Day, listening to children reading at school, music and singing with the elderly and a Lay Reader providing funeral ministry and continued bereavement support in the Village.



Calling all passionate community driven people for an exciting new volunteer role

Are you passionate, enthusiastic and up for a new challenge?

Do you like meeting new people, want to learn new skills and provide valuable support to local residents? Kent County Council, working in conjunction with the Kent Association of Local Councils is introducing an exciting new Volunteer Support Warden role in selected areas. The role will be challenging but rewarding and you'll be making a real difference to local communities. For more information and to find out which areas this role is being launched contact Community Wardens on 03000 413455 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens.



Summer Holidays Offer for all 11- 16 Year olds Looking for something to do?

COME AND PLAY BADMINTON/SQUASH/TABLETENNIS/TENNIS

Join and pay only **£20 to 31st August 2017** for **Free** use of all courts Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS TO A GAME!
Additional Guests (11-16 year old) £1.00 per visit.

ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED **FREE OF CHARGE!**
Courts must be booked in advance JUST RING 01474 707164

Over 60? - come and dine with us
12.00 every Thursday at the Youth and Community Centre.

Our diners enjoy a freshly cooked quality two course meal prepared by our professional cook. The £5.00 charge includes tea or coffee.



For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 702760 or pop into the Youth Centre on a Thursday morning



Anti-social behaviour? Graffiti? Noise Nuisance? Fly-tipping?

If it is bothering you, **REPORT IT**. If they don't know, they can't help. To report or receive advice on the above issues and advice on crime reduction, contact the Sevenoaks District Council Community Safety Unit on 01732 227000 or email communitysafety@sevenoaks.gov.uk Report incidents to Kent Police on 101.



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