



Bulletin

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

AUTUMN 2017



CASUAL VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor to represent the North West Ward of New Ash Green.

Applications are being sought from eligible* people suitably qualified to serve.

INFORMATION

The Parish Council is involved in most local matters: planning, highways and footpaths. Support for local services and organisations, environmental, crime and quality of life issues. It is responsible for the management of Ash Green Sports Centre and the Ash Burial Ground. It is consulted over local matters and tries to put forward the local point of view. Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of every month.

APPLICATIONS

Those persons interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should request further information from the Parish Clerk, Parish Office, Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council, Ash Green Sports Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, Kent, DA3 8JZ Telephone 01474 702760 email: info@acrpc.org.uk

*ELIGIBILITY

Subject to the rules on disqualification, a person is qualified if they are a British subject, a Commonwealth citizen or a Euro national, are over 18 and an elector of the parish. In addition they will qualify if:- During the whole of the 12 months before the day on which they are nominated have resided in the parish or within three miles of it, or have occupied any land as owner or tenant or premises in the parish, or have had their principal or only place of work there.

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOON ON WEDNESDAY
13 DECEMBER 2017**

A reminder to all residents that we keep a stock of :
Clear recycling sacks—50p per roll and
Garden Waste Sacks—£14.00 for 25 and
Dog bags—FREE
at Ash Green Sports Centre Reception, 01474 707164



Season of Remembrance at Ash Church

Sunday 5 November at 3 pm: annual All Souls' service to remember family and friends who have died, whether recently or long ago. As their names are read aloud you will be able to light small candles in their memory. Anyone living in the parish is welcome to attend this service. It would be very helpful, though not essential, if you could provide details of any names in advance (contact details below).

Saturday 11 November at 10.45 am: traditional Armistice Day service at the Ash war memorial, organised by Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council. The two minutes' silence will be observed at 11 am. Followed by tea, coffee and cake in Ash Village Hall.

Sunday 12 November: join members of the church congregation and the Ash Green Scout Troop for a traditional Remembrance Sunday service, starting at the Ash war memorial at 10.15 and then continuing in the church. In the evening, the Friends of Ash Church will be hosting their annual "Reflections on Remembrance" evening of words and music read, sung and played by local people, beginning at 7 pm.





**Kent Fire &
Rescue Service**



Kent Fire and Rescue have launched it's dedicated "Thatch Alert" service. The initiative is to let Kent Fire and Rescue Service know where thatched properties are situated within the county so that any potential harm that may come to them is quickly identified. A thatched roof is generally made by one of three materials: long straw, combed wheat reed and water reed. All of these will burn quickly in the event of a fire. Kent Fire and Rescue Service believe that there are around three hundred thatched properties in the county. Around one hundred properties have signed up for the service so far, so if you know of any particular property that needs to be on the KFRS radar, find further information on the subject at : <http://www.kent.fireuk.org/your-safety/home-safety/fire-safetyin-thatched-properties>

SENSELESS ACTS OF VANDALISM TO OUR BUSES

On Friday 15th August 2017 at 22.05 vandals threw stones at an Arriva 489 as it made its way from North Square to Redhill Road. Two windows were smashed and passengers were showered in glass. This is not the first time stones have been thrown at buses by a group of youths.

The Police have been informed and when the young people concerned have been apprehended by the Police they could well end up with a criminal record, which could blight their future career. If you have young people in your family, please point out the serious consequences to such senseless vandalism.

As a result, Arriva are seriously considering terminating their evening service at North Square.

On a lighter note, there is now a new bus timetable in operation and copies are available from the library and are displayed on the bus stops. You will have noticed that we no longer have a 433 service except on a Sunday, the same routes being covered by the 489 and 423. We no longer have two buses leaving New Ash Green at the same time in the mornings, so the spacing of services to Longfield is better. Unfortunately there is still a long gap between the 423 bus in the afternoons from Darent Valley Hospital to New Ash Green.

Parish Councillors from the local parishes served by Arriva buses meet twice a year with the Bus Company, in March and September. It is a useful opportunity to find out what is happening and to be able to bring to their notice issues affecting our residents.

SCOOP THE POOP!

*Allowing a dog to foul in a public place is not a crime, but failure to clean up afterwards is.
(THIS INCLUDES NORTHFIELD, THE WOODS AND MEADOW)*

Dog fouling is a serious health risk and must be cleaned up to prevent the spread of infection and distress to residents.

Please dispose of dog waste in one of the designated bins provided.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGS TIED TO TREE BRANCHES

**FREE DOG BAGS NOW AVAILABLE FROM ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE
RECEPTION**



The Old Malthouse



George Lane of the Malthouse 1889, born 18-11-1804, died 7-10-1901. He was an estate brick-layer at Holywell Park (and built the School at Culverstone in 1872. His brother Charles acted as his labourer.) .

This is a 17th century or earlier restored, thatched timber-framed building. It has exposed diagonal braces and modern brick and some plaster infilling. It has a 19th century thatched gabled porch. There is a red brick later extension to the right hand side, which is two storeys high and has seven casement windows. There is a part timbered annex linking with the old house. The whole range was listed in 1982 with a Grade II.

The Old Malthouse is in the parish of Ash-cum-Ridley, but is often thought to be in the Parish of Stansted.

A malthouse is usually a long low outbuilding where barley is converted into malt by soaking it in water allowing it to sprout, and then drying it to stop further growth. The malt produced is then used for brewing beer. In the eighteenth century many villages had a malthouse.

On the 1792 map of Ash, the building we now know as The Old Malthouse is shown with other buildings and is called Padley Farm. It was owned by Michael Fletcher, one of the Fletcher family whose main property was Rands House, now Holywell Manor.

By the time of the 1839 tithe map, The Old Malthouse name appears in the schedule. The property was subdivided into separate dwellings numbered a to d. The tithe map, usually so accurate, is rather ambiguous as to which dwelling was which. The end one was still referred to as Padley Farm, with its 17 acres of land. The whole lot was still owned by the Fletcher family. Many of the outbuildings there in 1792 have disappeared so it is reasonable to conclude that the malting process had ceased by that date.

The 1841 census lists seven families living in the house, divided up into separate cottages, with George Lane senior and his family in one of the dwellings, still known as Padley Farm. George Lane was shown as an agricultural labourer. His family continued living there, along with seven, eight or nine other families all involved in agriculture up until 1881. The cottages appear to have been occupied in to the twentieth century.

The picture is of George Lane junior, who lived in the Old Malthouse or Padley Farm with his wife and children in 1851, 61 and 71 but had moved on by 1881.

The next interesting phase in the history of the Old Malthouse relates to the 1930s when it became a "spacious and pleasant restaurant, with a large open fire-place of brick and a comfortable lounge-annexe." A book, "Road Houses and Clubs of the Home Counties 1934" tells us: "A choice and varied luncheon is obtainable every day until 2.30 p.m. and afternoon tea may be taken either indoors or, in fine weather, on the lawn. From 7 o'clock onwards there is an excellent five course dinner, which is served until a late hour; and a skilful chef with an amply stocked larder is always at the disposal of such patrons as may require refreshments after ordinary hours. A fine radio-gramophone provides music for dancing enthusiasts at all times, and on the weekly Gala Nights, which take place every Friday, a good band is in attendance. A limited number of bedrooms are available."

Postcard of the Old Malthouse in the 1930s when it became a restaurant.



Family Fun Days



The Parish Council sponsored its annual Family Fun Days over the summer. We were fortunate with the weather with warm sunny days and good support from the local community. Each day attracted around 240 children enjoyed the Bouncy Castle, arts, crafts and games. African Drumming Was offered on the 8th August, Circus Skills on the 22nd August and an Entertainer on 29th August. All the participants enjoyed the event and we would like to thank Sevenoaks District Council and IMAGO for their support and extra activities on 08 August.



**Coming
Soon**

Addition to 101 Crime Reporting

You will soon be able to report crimes online with Kent Police. This new service will be launched soon.

<https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-a-crime/kent-police-online-reporting/>

This service will be introduced to help residents have an alternative to calling 101. To help Police in their investigations when you make a report, please ensure you have (if available):

- the date and time of the crime/incident
- details of any stolen or damaged items (i.e. IMEI number for your mobile, vehicle registration)
- the contact details of any witnesses
- information about any evidence that could help an investigation

Functions will be introduced to upload attachments. There will be separate sections within the form for you to add information and once submitted, you'll receive a reference number and a copy of your report (if selected).



ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE AND GYM



VACANCIES

We are looking for enthusiastic, motivated people to join our team. Applicants should be confident and enjoy working with the public.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

Approximately 13.5 hours per week including evening and weekend shifts. Good communication skills as well as some IT knowledge and the ability to be flexible are required.

PART-TIME GYM INSTRUCTOR

Approximately 11 hours a week including evening and weekend shifts.
Level 2 qualified
Flexibility to help around the Gym and Sports Centre

If you are interested, please call 01474 702760 or email: info@acrpc.org.uk for an information pack and application form.



JUNIOR BADMINTON AT ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE

Aged 9-16? WHY NOT COME ALONG TO OUR JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BETWEEN 6 - 7 PM
TERM TIME ONLY. PROFESSIONAL COACHING

FREE SESSION WITH THIS VOUCHER (Limited to one per person on presentation)

Contact us for more details on 01474 707164

Email: info@ashgreensportscentre.co.uk
(on the Milestone Academy Site)