

JUBILEE MEDICAL GROUP

Update from the Doctors Surgery

Everyone here at Jubilee Medical Group is trying their best to deal with your query or request and provide the best possible service to all of our patients. We want to be able to provide the most appropriate care for each individual patient and this may be in the form of face-to-face consultation, telephone consultation or video consultation.

We are still open and here for you. We are continuing to provide services as we have been doing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are prioritising delivering of care and services based on clinical needs. Neither Kent House or New Ash Green Surgery are closing.

GP receptionists are in the front line and see both the best and the worst of us all. They work incredibly hard to help patients navigate the system but may not be able to offer you exactly what you want at all times. Please be patient and courteous, they want to find the best solution as much as you do. We have a zero-tolerance policy and will not tolerate abusive behaviour to our staff.

There has been a huge increase in demand for appointments and general queries. This is inevitable given that so many of our patients have been managing health issues themselves rather than contacting their doctor over the last year and many hospital procedures and appointments have been necessarily delayed. As confidence in general is returning, many patients are now quite rightly contacting us to address those issues. COVID-related work has been inevitable but taken up much staff time. Our staff have adapted to new ways of working, many have been isolating at times and some have been



shielding. In addition, we have suffered higher than normal levels of staff sickness and some staff loss due to the stress of the past year.

The practice are currently looking at getting a queue system for the telephones so patients know where they are in the queue so they can decide whether to continue or ring another time.

Finally, patients are encouraged to use eConsult as an alternative way to receive advice. eConsult is a way to contact your own GP practice online. It is easy to use and will give your Doctors all the information they need to triage and make sure every patient gets the care they need.

Our website www.jubileemg.nhs.uk has lots of information and links to:

- eConsult and the NHS App
- Self-referral for joint pain
- Self-referral for counselling

Community Awards on 23rd September 2021...

In the last year, the Parish Council were delighted to award the KALC Community Award to both:

- Community Warden; **Jackie West** (2020 award recipient)
- Former District Cllr and Town Team Chair: **Cameron Clark** (2021)

Due to the government lockdowns, we have so far been unable to present the recipients their awards and so we will finally be giving them at our meeting on **Thursday 23 September 2021 at 7:45pm in Ash Village Hall.**

Please do come along to see them finally getting their well-deserved awards.



NEW ASH GREEN SOUTH EAST WARD: Councillors Mike Brown (Chairman), Roxana Brammer (Vice Chair), Jill Clucas, Pam Connell, Mark Manley

NEW ASH GREEN NORTH WEST WARD: Councillors Carol Clark, Sarah Hobbs, Steven Glover, Vusi Ngwenya, Paul Nightingale, Shaun Fishenden

ASH WARD: Councillors Jeremy Scott, Melanie Sapiets

HODSOLL STREET & RIDLEY WARD: Councillors Frank Cottee, Margaret Howie

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.hugofox.com/community/ash-cum-ridley-parish-council-12628

PARISH CLERK: 01474 702760 EMAIL: info@acrpc.org.uk

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council

SUMMER
2021

Serving the local communities of Ash, Hodsoll Street, New Ash Green & Ridley

CCTV Network - Help tackle crime and fly-tipping!

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council needs homeowners and businesses in **New Ash Green, Ash, Hodsoll Street and Ridley** with CCTV, doorbell cameras, dash-cams and even wildlife cameras to come forward and form a Parish-wide 'CCTV Network' to assist the Police in tackling **crime** and **fly-tipping** within the parish.

Once we have the information of where cameras are located, the locations will be stored on a secure database by the Parish Council. If there is an incident of crime, anti-social behaviour or fly-tipping reported, the owners of the cameras in the immediate vicinity will be contacted and given a time frame and any other relevant information, so

that they can check their footage for evidence. You may then be asked to burn the footage off for the Police or Sevenoaks District Council's Community Safety Unit.

The data is being stored in compliance with Data Protection guidelines and will not be shared with any organisations other than the Police and Community Safety Unit. Some have reported concerns believing New Ash Green Village Association will be able to access the data, the Parish Council can confirm the VA will have no access.

We hope by establishing this network, we can help to speed up the evidence-gathering process and aid in



securing prosecutions for incidents that occur in the parish.

If you wish to sign-up please download a registration form from www.hugofox.com/community/ash-cum-ridley-parish-council-12628/home/ or by emailing: info@acrpc.org.uk. Alternatively you can collect and return a form via the Parish Office, our address is: The Parish Office, Ash Green Sports Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, Kent, DA3 8JZ.

ADVICE, MEDIATION & USEFUL NUMBERS

Kent County Council.....	03000 418181
Sevenoaks District Council.....	01732 227000
Kent Police - Emergency Calls.....	999
Kent Police - Non Emergency Calls	101
KCC Community Warden	07811 271259
New Ash Green Village Association	01474 872691
New Ash Green Library	03000 413131
Doctors Surgery	01474 873828
Village Pharmacy.....	01474 873811
Citizens Advice	03003 309001
Arriva Northfleet.....	01474 535138
West Kent Mediation.....	01732 469696
Samaritans	116 123 (free)
Childline	0800 1111
Community Cupboard.....	07526 823122
Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service	08081 689111
Papyrus Suicide Prevention Under 35s.....	0800 0684141 (free)
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk
KCC website for COVID-19 advice & testing information	www.kent.gov.uk

Litter Pickers

The Parish Council recently purchased a number of litter picking kits to enable those in the community who wish to help keep the parish free from litter and don't have their own equipment to still be able to help keep the community looking tidy!

They are available to hire for a £5 refundable deposit from the Parish Office located at Ash Green Sports Centre.



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Ash Green Gym & Sports Centre

Conveniently situated on the Milestone Academy site, we are more than just a gym – we have been helping keep the community fit for over forty years.

Request a personalised programme when you attend a Free induction by our qualified gym instructors. This will suit your needs and abilities to help you discover a healthier, more inspired you. No unnecessary gadgets and fad workouts. What we offer is simple effective and safe.

Did you know that we offer badminton, squash, racket ball, tennis and table tennis?

When playing with juniors (under 16) the junior rate is charges for the court hire.

GYM MEMBERSHIPS

- Adults (any time) - £29.50 per month
- Concessions* £22.00 per month
- Junior (under 16)** £17.00 per month
- Casual session £6.00

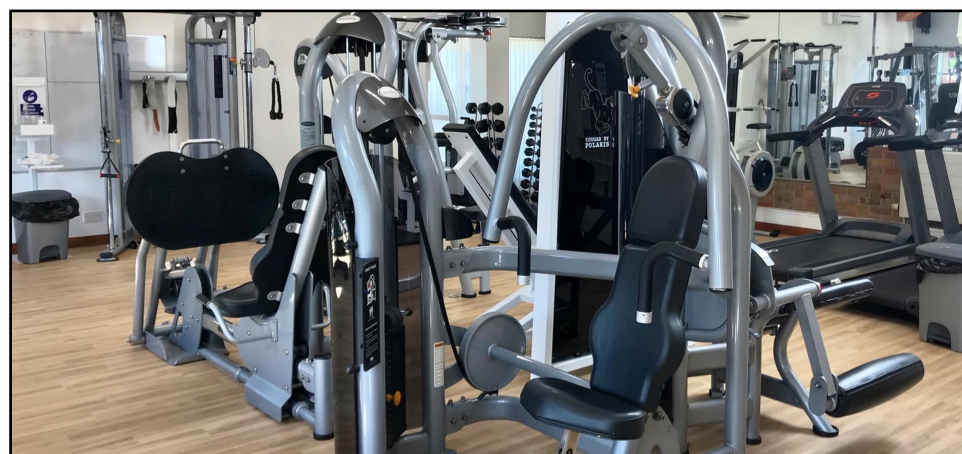
RACKETS

- Adults £36.00 per annum
- Concessions* £22.00 per annum
- Junior (under 16) £12.00 per annum

Waste Sacks For Sale

As Ash Green Sports Centre has re-opened; black waste, recycling sacks and garden waste bags are available to purchase again.

The centre is open 9am-9pm Monday to Friday, 9am-5:15pm on Saturday's and 9am-2pm on Sunday's.



COURT HIRE		ADULT	JUNIOR
Badminton	½hour	£4.30	£2.80
	1 hour	£8.00	£5.25
Squash	¾hour	£7.50	£4.75
Racket Ball	¾hour	£7.50	£4.75
Tennis	1 hour	£5.50	£3.30
Table Tennis	¾hour	£5.25	£3.00

* Concessions: Over 60's, students and unemployed

** Must be accompanied by an inducted adult

Racket sport equipment is provided free of charge.

CLASSES

Yoga - Monday 8-9pm £7.50 per session or 6 for 5 paid in advance (£37.50)

Gentle Exercise - Tuesday and Thursday mornings is £3.00 per session



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

COME AND PLAY

BADMINTON/SQUASH/RACKET BALL/TENNIS/TABLE-TENNIS

Join and pay only £25 for 1-31st August 2021

Free use of all courts Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Courts must be booked in advance

CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS TO A GAME!

Additional Guests (11-16 year old) £1.00 per visit

ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED FREE OF CHARGE!

JUST RING 01474 707164

Look Forward To Seeing You!

Northfield - Horse Riding Route

An off-road ride is available for any local rider to join. Approximate distance is 1.58 miles (2.57 km)

£20 to join and £5 annually thereafter. This space is shared with walkers and dogs (some dogs run free). There are no facilities for horse boxes.

Application packs and further information is available from Ash Green Sports Centre. You can contact us via telephone: 01474 707164

The Green Man Fire

The Parish Council was devastated to hear of the recent tragic fire at The Green Man in Hodsoll Street.

We welcomed a couple of residents from Hodsoll Street at our June 2021 meeting, they highlighted issues regarding the mapping and maintenance of fire hydrants. The Parish Council will be raising these concerns with Kent Fire and Rescue Service whom are responsible for these.

The Parish Council are also keen to support any efforts to see the site continue it's use as a public house. An application to register the site as an 'Asset of Community Value' is currently being prepared.

If we are successful in securing this registration, it will mean that the landowner; the Stonegate Group would be obliged to notify Sevenoaks District Council if they wished to sell the site. This triggers an initial six-week moratorium period for any community organisation to decide if they want to be considered as a potential bidder for the site. If that is the case, a six-month moratorium



period begins which enables the community organisation to develop its proposal and raise the money required to buy the asset.

Two of our councillors; **Frank Cottee** and **Shaun Fishenden** recently met to explore the option of community ownership for The Green Man. They are currently obtaining advice from national organisations and other community-owned pubs about the viability of pursuing this option for The Green Man.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to offer your support to ensuring The Green Man site returns to being a thriving public house, please email the Clerk on info@acrpc.org.uk or by telephone on 01474 702760.

Northfield Meadow

The Northfield Management Committee are currently exploring the option of extending the existing wildflower meadow. Wildflower meadows cover just 1% of the UK and so we want to do our bit to increase the cover of this important habitat for nature.

Community Safety event

We were delighted to attend a Community Safety marketplace event held on Monday 28 June within New Ash Green Shopping Centre, organised by one of our District Councillors; Cllr Claire Nelson. The Parish Council was represented by **Cllr Shaun Fishenden** and our Clerk; **Alison de Jager**. A number of organisations attended including Kent Police, Sevenoaks District Council and the Community Wardens.

Useful feedback was gained from residents that attended and we were able to raise awareness of our new 'CCTV Network'. Sadly attendance was low despite being well-publicised, however we hope that future events that are organised may be better attended.

Lunch Club - Back to normal service...

Subject to no further restrictions being imposed by central government after 19 July, the Lunch Club for the over 60, will be resuming a normal face-to-face, sit-down meal from Thursday 5 August.

The lunch club is held in New Ash Green Youth Centre on Thursdays between 12 noon and 1pm and costs just £6 to attend. Telephone the Clerk on 01474 702760 to book your place.

Special thanks must go to our Clerk; **Alison**, Assistant Clerk; **Karen**, Cook; **Jackie and her husband** whom kept the takeaway meal service running so smoothly throughout the pandemic.

Family Fun Days Dates For Your Diary

The Summer Family Fun Days are back in a friendly, Covid-safe environment and best of all they are completely free. Activities are provided for under 12s, the Parish Council sponsors 2 days at a cost of £2,000 and Sevenoaks District Council provides one free session, are being held on **Thursday 22 July, Tuesday 3 August** and **Thursday 26 August** between 10am to 2pm on The Minnis.

