



Bulletin

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



2017

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Meeting
8.00pm on 10 May 2017
Ash Village Hall, The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB

The Chairman and Parish Council of Ash-cum-Ridley extend a warm invitation to all their parishioners in Ash, New Ash Green, Hodsoll Street and Ridley to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

This is your opportunity to come along and hear about the work that has been undertaken by the Council over the past year, ask questions and make your own views known on local issues.

Are you satisfied with the policing, roads, transport, fire arrangements, management of Northfield and arrangements for youth?

Burial Ground

Management of Ash Burial Ground.

Grants

To organisations working in the community

Fitness

The Parish Council manages

ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE

Gym, Squash, Badminton, Tennis, Circuit Training,

Local Authority

Liaison with Sevenoaks District Council on Planning Issues, Local services, Protection of the Green Belt.

Community Services

Provision of a community lunch every Thursday
Provision of Youth Club
Support to 8 – 12's Club

Key Local Issues

Representatives on the New Ash Green Focus Group,
Health Liaison, Operation of liaison group for Barnfield

Open Spaces

Management of Northfield (jointly with Hartley Parish Council)
Hodsoll Street Recreation Ground
Ash War Memorial and Bowdler's

Guest Speakers

PCSO Pete Jones – Kent Police

Rob Sterry– Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust

Ann Millington – Chief Executive, Kent Fire and Rescue Services

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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 is introducing an exciting new volunteer role working alongside Community Wardens. As a Volunteer Support Warden you'll make a real difference to residents and create resilient neighbourhoods. The role will be challenging at times but regarding and you'll be improving the well-being of the residents in your local area.

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council and the New Ash Green Village Association will sponsor the provision of a Volunteer Warden for New Ash Green.

For more information, contact Community Wardens on 03000 413455 or visit

www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens.



What our members say:

Amanda:
AGE IS JUST A NUMBER:
Ash Green Sports Centre assists all ages.

In what ways you will ask.

Fitness – focussing on general good health and specific body areas if and as identified.

Nutritionally – discussions to support the most effective progress to be made through excellent advice, support and recipes.

Community – young and older fitness conscious people of all shapes and sizes can and do meet, chat and encourage each other in a great atmosphere.

Personally, I have found my physical and mental health have benefitted from using Ash Green Sports Centre regularly. The positivity and attention that I have received and witnessed on others, means that I can recommend this fantastic local amenity without hesitation.

Andrew:

When choosing a gym, I need three things

- * Friendly and well informed staff
- * Good equipment
- * Clean facilities

Ash Green Sports Centre has all of these and more!

Come and join us, FREE induction and NO CONTRACT membership deals...

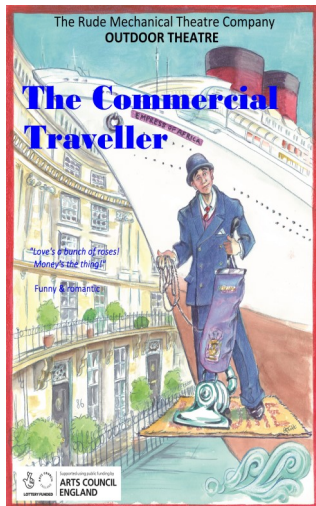
NEW MEMBER OFFER: £66 FOR 3 MONTHS UNLIMITED USE OF THE GYM

£29.50 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP, £22 FOR OVER 60'S AND STUDENTS

Badminton, Squash, Tennis and Table Tennis also available - Something for all the family to enjoy!

Call our friendly Receptionists on 01474 707164 or e-mail: info@ashgreensportscentre.co.uk

The Rude Mechanicals here in June



The very popular Rude Mechanical Theatre will be coming back to New Ash Green Primary School field again this summer on **Sunday 4th June**. You won't want to miss it if you have seen them before. They have a brand new play with live music called 'The Commercial Traveller'. Funny, romantic and moving, it demonstrates the gritty determination to overcome an apparently unassailable problem through absolute love.

It is London, 1924, and rich and powerful tycoon and former East End barrow boy, Sir Arthur Cattermole, is not happy. His son, Gerald, whom he has spent his hard earned brass on to go to Eton, is in love with the girl next door, the beautiful Isabelle and daughter of hard up doctor, Cornelius Truss.

Come dressed for an English summer! Open from 6.00pm for picnics. Tickets are available from the company's website – www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk.

Adults will be £16 with a range of concessions. See the website for details.

For more information ring **01323-501260**

West Yoke Farmhouse

Here is the next instalment of our series of Listed Buildings in the Parish.

West Yoke Farmhouse was listed Grade II in 2001. Because of its late listing a lot more information about the house is recorded in the listing as follows:

The house dates from the late 16th century, was refronted in 1681 with a date and the initials RM over the front door. It was extended by one bay in the early 20th century and refenestrated (new windows!) in the late 20th century.

Exterior: It is a timber-framed building refronted in red brick with some grey headers in Flemish bond and tile hung to the first floor. It has a hipped, tiled roof with a catslide to part of the back and has a clustered brick chimney stack of late 16th century origin. It is a lobby entrance plan. The Farmhouse is two storeys high and has three windows. On the north or entrance front it has 20th century casement windows in their original openings, with cambered head linings to the ground floor. There is a wide doorcase opposite the chimney stack with an original flat wooden hood on brackets and a plank door. There is a moulded wooden cornice with a plat band. The west front has 18th century brickwork to both floors. The south elevation, now the entrance front, has a catslide roof to the south west.

Interior: There is stone flooring to the Hall and a late 18th century winder staircase. The sitting room has a late 18th century six-panelled door and a round-headed wooden china cabinet. An open fireplace may be concealed beneath the 20th century fireplace. The Dining Room has an open fireplace with a wooden shelf and there is a 18th century gun rack and a spine beam with a two inch chamfer. The first floor has wide floorboards, a late 17th century cupboard to one bedroom and wall framing and partitions visible. The roof is reported to have a valley gutter, to be of oak and of Queen post type, with purlins.

The earliest link with West Yoke Farmhouse is a large medieval pot found during renovations some years ago and now displayed in the Museum of London.

Our 1792 Fulljames Survey of Ash shows the owner of West Yoke Farm as Mr Cox, with the occupier as Mr Tisedell. The tithe survey of 1839 shows that ownership of the Farm has remained in the Cox family, Henry, Joseph, John and Solomon Cox. The 141 acres were being farmed by recent tenant William Salmon and his family.

The 1841 census gives us more information about the Salmon family. William was shown as the farmer, aged 40, with his wife Ann 35 and six children, William, Thomas, Whiffin, Sarah, Elizabeth and John between the ages of 12 and 1. Five agricultural labourers were living in, and two female servants.

By 1851 Ann (now aged 44) had been recently widowed but continued to run the Farm, now 190 acres, with the help of her three eldest sons and she was employing 7 labourers. She had two more children, Ebenezar and George.

By the 1861 census, the Farm had prospered and Ann, still a widow, was farming 260 acres with 8 men and a boy. This was the largest farm in West Yoke at that time. For some reason, Ann gave her age as 48 instead of 54! William junior, Elizabeth, Ebenezar and George were still living at home.



The RBL Poppy Appeal needs a new Poppy Appeal Organiser for New Ash Green & Fairseat this year

If you or someone you know can help us keep the Poppies in New Ash Green and Fairseat...

Please contact Jane Ayers CFR West Kent on 01622 793194 or Email Jayers@britishlegion.org.uk for more details

Registered Charity Number: 219279

BUSES

Bus services are being delayed at North Square due to vehicles being parked in the **BUSES ONLY** turning circle. Please be considerate and adhere to the restrictions in place.

There have been two incidents of vandalism/criminal damage to buses in New Ash Green, one on Redhill Road and the other on Ash Road. Both incidents involved objects being thrown at the buses resulting in broken windows, with one shattering over a passenger.

Perpetrators face criminal prosecution which could lead to a custodial sentence, but more concerning is that Arriva have advised that if this continues the service will become unsustainable and will be withdrawn after 8pm.

Fly-tipping on highways, footpaths and public land should be reported promptly (at any time) to Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000.

Please supply a description of the waste and approximate bulk (so that SDC know what size of lorry to send, and if there might be hazardous waste included in there) and its exact location (just naming a road may not be close enough for them to find easily, especially if there is a second heap of fly-tipping in the same road). Taking photographs is also good, but please do not put yourself at risk of being run over or of being assaulted. If you see the fly-tipping incident in

progress you can dial 101 – but do still note a description of the vehicle and culprit(s), and the registration if not hidden; direction of travel; and date/time - provided it is safe to do so).

Please do not move the waste (unless blocking your way) nor open sacks in order to try and find incriminating evidence, because if the rubbish is tampered with, it invalidates any evidence-gathering.



ASH VILLAGE HALL The Street, Ash TN15 7HB



This lovely Hall in Ash Village has recently been refurbished with a new sprung wooden floor and decorated throughout.

This was made possible through the efforts of a dedicated Village Hall Committee in raising funds from events put on for the local community and from generous donations from the Ash cum Ridley Parish Council and Kent County Council. The Hall is used regularly by the Parish Council, Ash Church, Appalachian and Circle Dancers, Girls Association and the Boy's Brigade.

It is an excellent venue for **children parties, family parties, meeting, group activities, Yoga, Pilates**, etc. The Hiring fee is very reasonable. If you are interested in hiring the Hall please contact **01474 874693** or **01474 872767** for further information.

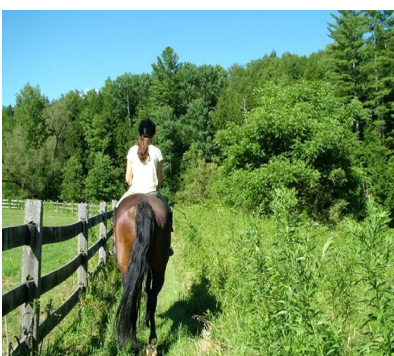
COMMUNITY SAFETY UNIT

The Community Safety Unit (CSU) consists of Council Staff, Police, Community Wardens, Housing Associations and other partner agencies who meet on a daily basis to discuss Community Safety Concerns and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls that have come in from residents via agencies including the Police.

The CSU deals with all aspects of ASB and community safety. If you have a problem that you would like the CSU to get involved with then please contact them by e-mail at community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk or phone 01732 227000.

If life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always call 999.

For non – urgent police matters call 101.



Northfield Horse Ride
An off-road ride available for any local rider to join.
Only £20 to join and £5 annually thereafter.

Application packs available from Ash
Green Sports Centre
Telephone: 01474 707164

