

## FAMILY FUN DAYS



**FAMILY FUN DAYS**  
The Minnis, New Ash Green

**6 & 20 AUGUST 2019**  
10am—2pm

**ANIMALS, TIE-DYE,  
ARTS & CRAFTS,**

FUNDED BY ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH  
COUNCIL AND NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE  
ASSOCIATION.

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## ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE AND GYM



### WE ARE HIRING! PART-TIME GYM INSTRUCTOR

**We are looking for an enthusiastic, motivated person to join our team.**

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](mailto:info@acrpc.org.uk) for an information pack and application form.

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

#### COME AND PLAY

BADMINTON/SQUASH/TABLE TENNIS/  
TENNIS

Pay only £20 for 22nd July -31<sup>st</sup> August  
Free use of all courts and equipment  
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**

**JUST RING 01474 707164**

*Managed by Ash-cum-Ridley  
Parish Council*



### FREE INDUCTION AND PERSONALISED PROGRAMME

#### INDUCTION DONE! - THINKING OF MEMBERSHIP THE CHOICES

**Adult Anytime Gym—£29.50 paid monthly**  
**Concessions Anytime Gym—£22.00 paid monthly**  
*Includes all circuit training classes*

**Adult Quiet Time Gym—£20 paid monthly**  
**Concessions Quiet Time Gym—£15 paid monthly**  
*Monday—Friday 12pm—4pm and all weekend*

#### **PROMOTION—NEW MEMBER OFFER!**

**3 MONTH GYM MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING ALL CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASSES**  
**£80.00. CONCESSIONS £60**

**Concessions: Over 60's, Students, unemployed.**  
**Casual Gym £6 per session**

**Badminton, squash, tennis and table tennis available.**

**Call our friendly receptionists on 01474 707164 for more information**

### CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: 01474 702760 Email: [info@acrpc.org.uk](mailto:info@acrpc.org.uk)

Website: [www.hugofox.com/community/ash-cum-ridley-parish-council-12628](http://www.hugofox.com/community/ash-cum-ridley-parish-council-12628)

## PLANS FOR THE MANOR HOUSE



Sevenoaks District Council has received a planning application for the Manor House—formerly the Bovis Homes Ltd Head Office.

The plans are for the partial demolition, extension and alteration of the existing office building, including retained office use (Use Class B1a) in the Grade II listed Manor House.



The conversion and extension of the modern parts to 49 one and two bedroom apartments and the erection of 4 new 3 bedroomed houses.

The Parish Council will comment on this proposal which will be considered at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 01 August 2019 at 9.30am in the viewing gallery of Ash Green Sports Centre. The Parish Council will consult near neighbours. All residents may put forward comments on this proposal, either to the Parish Council, [info@acrpc.org.uk](mailto:info@acrpc.org.uk) Ash Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8JZ or direct to Sevenoaks District Council Planning Department, [planning.comments@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:planning.comments@sevenoaks.gov.uk) Details of the application can be seen on the Sevenoaks District Council website under reference 19/02005. The deadline for comments is 08 August 2019



## LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE PARISH—THE WHITE SWAN

The White Swan Public House was listed as Grade II in 1982. It is a 17th century or earlier timber-framed building, now roughcast. It is two storeys high and has a steeply pitched, hipped, old tiled roof with a gablet on one side. There are three later casement windows and a modern extension.

In the early years of its history, the White Swan was known as just The Swan. It seems the “White” was added at some time around the beginning of the twentieth century.

In 1792 The Swan was occupied by a William Sharp and owned by a Mr Stevens. Over the next twenty or so years none of the licensees stayed for long.

By 1839 The Swan and 9 acres of land was owned by Charles and William Fleet but the publican was Richard Wakeman. The Wakeman family were in residence at the Swan for almost 50 years.

Richard was born and bred in Ash and was 48 in the 1841 census, living in the Swan with his wife Martha and 5 children. By 1851 he was also shown as a farmer. Between 1852 and 1859 he bought the western part of the gardens associated with Vineyard Cottages and between 1863 and 1868 he had built Flint Cottage, where an earlier school once stood.

During this period Richard took in paying guests and in the 1861 census two interesting visitors were shown, William Jenkins and John MacMaster, both civil service ordnance surveyors, no doubt surveying the area in preparation for the first Ordnance Survey map.

On Richard Wakeman's death, he was succeeded as licensed victualler by his daughter Elizabeth and on her death by her sister Martha. Martha and Elizabeth Wakeman made and sold penny custard pies every day all through Lent. The pies were called "pudding pies" and many school children bought them.

Martha had two sons, William and Robert who duly inherited from her. They were no longer in The Swan by 1891 but may have retained ownership of the land on the other side of Billet Hill. Other licensees included Tom Venner in 1891 and Richard Lane in 1901 and Mr Burt in 1911.

According to the WI book of Ash (1957), “The original inn was smaller and there were no counters in those early days. Under where now the bottle shelves are erected there was a large open fireplace and customers sat on barrels arranged in a semicircle around the fire. The drinks were brought up from the cellars in jugs. We know that over a century ago it was the meeting place of the Manor Courts. Just near the counter of the present saloon bar there is a small door in the wall which when opened discloses a sizeable cavity which suggests that it was a hiding place used in days gone by for those seeking refuge or as a place for hiding valuables. Great oak beams and low ceilings and doorways are a feature of the house. In 1938 a fire caused quite a bit of damage. A fire in the chimney was the cause of the general conflagration. The Eynsford Fire Brigade attended, the firemen finding their task made the more arduous by reason of the fact that several massive beams were well alight, through which they had to saw. When the flames had been mastered there were found in the roof piles of straw, the remains of the old thatch, which had not even been set alight”.



The White Swan. Pub.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the Parish Council elections on 02 May 2019, the elected members of the Parish Council are:

### NEW ASH GREEN SOUTH EAST WARD

Councillors: Mike Brown, Roxana Brammer, Jill Clucas, Pam Connell, John Kelly and Mark Manley

### NEW ASH GREEN NORTH WEST WARD

Councillors: Carol Clark, Sarah Hobbs, Steven Glover, Ian Mann, Vusi Ngwenya and Paul Nightingale

### ASH WARD

Councillor:s Jeremy Scott and Neil Lejot

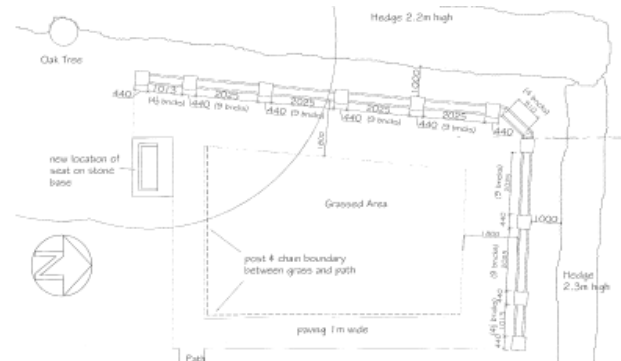
### HODSOLL STREET & RIDLEY WARD

Councillors: Frank Cottee and Margaret Howie

You can contact your Councillors through the Clerk, Parish Office, Ash Green Sports Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8JZ, telephone 01474 702760 or email: [info@acrpc.org.uk](mailto:info@acrpc.org.uk).

## ASH BURIAL GROUND

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a memorial wall in the north west corner of the burial ground. This will offer the interment of ashes with a memorial plaque on the wall.



## NEW ASH GREEN COMMUNITY SAFETY FOCUS GROUP

Representatives from Kent Police, Sevenoaks District Council Community Safety Unit, the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, Kent Community Warden, Kent Fire & Rescue Service, the Parish Council, Village Association, Neighbourhood Watch, New Ash Green Town Team, interested Residents Societies and the Primary School meet quarterly to discuss local concerns and issues such as Anti-social behaviour locations and issues, Parking, Youth Provision, Neighbourhood Watch.

If you have concerns that you would like to raise at the next meeting to be held on 14 October, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 702760, email [info@acrpc.org.uk](mailto:info@acrpc.org.uk) or Community Safety Unit direct on 01732 227000, email [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 April was well attended. Informative talks from Kent County Councillor David Brazier, Kent Domestic Abuse Programme, and an update on the Sevenoaks District's Local Plan were well received.



Chairman of the Parish Council, Mike Brown, presented the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award to Dr Peter and Mrs Glynis Smith in recognition of their unwavering commitment over many years, to keeping our community tidy. Dedicating much of their time to help protect and enhance the appearance of the village.

## SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The total number of vehicles passing the speed indicator device in May 2019 (NAG) 84,554 & June 2019 (Hartley) 145,519 with an average speed of 34.9mph in NAG, and 36.2mph in Hartley

## LITTER BINS & DOG BINS

Kent County Council (the waste disposal authority) have advised that dog waste must be mixed with litter to enable it to be disposed of at their facilities. Existing designated dog waste bins will continue to be emptied, but moving forward, installation of new bins will be for combined litter and dog waste.

**Dog waste should be bagged and placed in either dog waste bins or ANY litter bins.**

## BOWDLER'S WELL



Hodsoll Street resident, Mike West has led the repairs to Bowdler's Well which will be carried out after the summer.  
Thank you Mike!

## YOUTH CLUB

**Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm—8.30pm youth club is held at the Youth Centre.**  
**11—19 year olds play pool, table tennis, make paninis and pizza.**  
**ALL WELCOME**

## THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

### OVER 60?

Come and dine with us.

At 12 noon

Every Thursday at the Youth & Community Centre  
Our diners enjoy a freshly cooked quality two course meal prepared by our professional cook.

The £5.50 charge includes tea or coffee.

For more information please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 702760



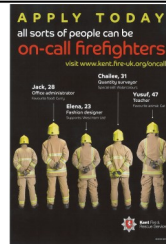
## COMMUNITY

### ASH CUM RIDLEY FIRE STATION

#### All sorts of people can be on-call firefighters... and we want to hear from you!

On-call firefighters are paid to be available for an agreed number of hours. During that time you can go about your normal life at home or work, but if you get a call to say we need you, you must be able to drop what you are doing and get to the station within 5 minutes. The hours we offer will be based on what the local station needs to deal with the risk in your area. To be an on-call firefighter, you must: ◇ be at least 18 years old, ◇ be physically fit ◇ live or work within 5 minutes of the station.

Check our website for details including recruitment criteria—[www.kent.fire-uk.org/oncall](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/oncall)



### MEET YOUR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, is coming to New Ash Green to meet and listen to local people.

His job is to set policing priorities for the county, by consulting with the public and putting together a Police and Crime Plan. He then holds the Chief Constable of Kent to account for the delivery of that plan. The Commissioner decides the amount of council tax that goes to policing and he sets the overall policing budget. In addition, he provides services for victims of crime and funds community safety projects.

This is your chance to tell the Commissioner what you want to see the Police doing in our area. How can they be more effective in fighting crime and dealing with offenders? What Police resources do we need in New Ash Green, Hartley and Longfield? Which crimes should they be concentrating on?

**Matthew will be in New Ash Green Village Hall on Friday 2 August at 10am.**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS AT NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE HALL

#### COMMUNITY HUB

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
10AM TO 12 NOON

Community 'Pop in' A chance to meet up over a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

#### LITTLE LEGS COMMUNITY HUB

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
10AM TO 12 NOON

Free meeting place for those caring for children who may feel isolated or just want to meet other Parents/Grandparents/Carers for a chat over a cup of tea.

#### SIMPLY SINGING

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
10AM TO 12 NOON

For those who enjoy singing for pleasure

**For more information please contact Jackie West, KCC Community Warden**  
07811 271259

Email: [jackie.west@kent.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.west@kent.gov.uk)

### HODSOLL STREET & RIDLEY VILLAGE HALL

Pop-Up Café and information hub is held every 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:00 till 12:00 at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome! Can't get there under your own steam? Call Frank on 01732 823175 and we will see if we can help.



Garden Show and Cream Tea on Sunday 11th August 2019 at 3.30pm to take part in the gardening challenge contact Jo Cottee on 07710709851 or [jocottee@hotmail.com](mailto:jocottee@hotmail.com)

#### THE COTTAGE COMMUNITY

Do you live in DA3? Are you over 55? Do you live in the rural community? If you would like to attend the following trips, please call 01474 879473



Tuesday 6th August—Coolings Garden Centre £7  
Thursday 15th August—Afternoon at the Cottage £15  
Thursday 22nd August—Day trip to Hastings £10  
Tuesday 3rd September—Spade-works Garden Centre £7

The Cottage Community is a new independent charity. We also provide shopping trips to Asda and Sainsburys. There is a day centre for clients to have a hot 2 course lunch.

Charity number: 1180662

#### USEFUL NUMBERS

Kent Count Council	03000 418181
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000
Kent Police - emergency calls	999
Kent Police—non emergency calls	101
Anti Social Behaviour Officer	01732 227000
Community Warden	07811 271259
Doctors Surgery	01474 873828
Village Pharmacy	01474 873811
Citizens Advice	03003 309001
Arriva Northfleet	01474 535138
West Kent Mediation	01732 469696
Ash Village Hall	01474 874693
Hodsoll Street Village Hall	01732 823707
NAG Youth Centre	01474 872441
NAG Library	03000 413131
NAG Village Association	01474 872691

#### REFUSE SACKS

Should you require additional sacks, these can be purchased from Ash Green Sports Centre on the Milestone School site.

Garden Waste Sacks £15.00 for 25

Recycle Sacks £0.50 per roll

Open Monday to Friday 9am—9pm, Saturdays 9.30am—5pm and Sundays 9.30am—2pm Call 01474 707164