

# COMMUNITY CALL

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See "What's New" on our website.

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## Murder Mystery Evening

On the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> January the Rickmansworth Players brought us a Murder Mystery called "The Black Widow of Weber Hall", set in the period of 1912 just after the sinking of the Titanic.

A dastardly murder was committed in the Village Hall masquerading as the country residence of the Weber family. There was lots of interaction with the audience.



101 Villagers and friends took part in the evening, quaffing a few drinks from the bar, eating a very fine 3 course meal and still finding time to do some sleuthing in an attempt to bring the murderer to justice. The winners and the losers tables all received a prize for their efforts, the winners believing there could have been some divine intervention. The evening was well supported by budding detectives and everyone appeared to have enjoyed themselves.

The committee are to be praised for all their help and the evenings success which raised the funds by £1,484.00p. This was the second Murder Mystery evening held in the village and it appears to be a popular event. Any suggestions that may help to improve such similar events are welcome.

*Margaret Flowers*



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### What's On Summary

#### Film Club - Jane Eyre

Friday June 1st

#### Queen's Jubilee

Bank Holiday Monday, June 4th  
Lunch & Evening "Do"

#### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday June 12th

#### St. John's Barn Dance

Saturday June 30th

#### Annual Village Fair

Saturday July 7th.

#### Olympics - TBA

27<sup>th</sup> July - 12<sup>th</sup> August

#### Bonfire Night

Monday November 5th.

#### Quiz Night

Saturday November 17th.

#### Grand Masquerade Ball

Saturday October 20th

#### Village Christmas Party

Sunday December 16th

*For details see the notice boards, or  
visit the website.*

### Volunteer Needed

How would you feel about helping with publicity in Ashley Green? We need a Volunteer to help with the production of "Community Call" and also with the development and maintenance of the Village Website.

It would suit someone with a knowledge of MS Word or Serif PagePlus desktop publisher, and the patience to do some proof reading, come up with ideas about content and chase potential contributors and advertisers. It would be useful if you had some experience of graphic design and/or photo editing, but enthusiasm and a willingness to learn counts for far more.

Sounds so easy, doesn't it? It is!!!

Contact us by Email if interested at:  
[info@ashleygreen.org.uk](mailto:info@ashleygreen.org.uk)

## FROM THE CHAIR

How times flies. That's it, three years done and at the Annual General Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 I am due to stand down. What can I say? It's been a real hoot.

I don't suppose I've met half of you but if you want to get to know how a village ticks getting involved with the Community Association is certainly one way to do it.

I would say that there have been two highlights, people and parties.

Simply getting to know a lot of you has been a great honour. I cannot thank you all enough for your support of the village. If I tried to list you all this would be a very dull final piece. However, no matter what you contribute to the well being of the village I am very grateful for your time and efforts. It would be wrong however if I did not make a few special mentions.

The Community Association has a Council who meet 4 times a year, to guide us through our activities, and from that is drawn the Executive who meet in effect, every month to get on with the nitty gritty of running the Community Association. It is this dedicated band to whom I am most grateful.

I have had the pleasure of being supported by two superb Secretaries in the form of Anne Turner and Elizabeth Foster. Elizabeth has also decided to stand down this time round. Without their patience and perseverance we would not have got through the last three years. I have also had two very able Treasurers Jane Rimington and Lesley Popescu and they have both kept us on a sound financial footing.

Our halls are maintained by Dennis Clifford. You will often see him out and about around the village cleaning and setting up. Without Dennis it would be very hard to maintain the standards which the halls enjoy. I must not forget the Lettings Officer. Until recently lettings were dealt with by Lawrence Kidd, but more recently this role has been taken on by a relative newcomer to the village, Emma Allum who is handling the task most admirably.

Thank you all for your efforts.

My right hand man during the last three years has been David Hurling and subject to due process at the AGM I suspect he will be in the Chair next time around. I wish him well. I am sure he will have a lot of new ideas and innovations to introduce.

In terms of parties, the Summer Fair, the Fireworks Display and the Christmas party are always great events and seem to get better year on year. We have had some spectacular parties over the last three years and I am sure that that will not stop. The next event will be the celebrations to mark the Queen's Jubilee on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> with the "Longest Lunch" on the Green followed by a Bonfire and Music to dance the night away to a Live band. Do come along. Then the Annual Village Fair on July 7<sup>th</sup> and finally we have the Masked Ball which is now going to take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Hopefully we haven't gone too far wrong over the last three years. We have improved our facilities, increased our retained funds and taken an increasing role in the community.

The formation of the Film Club is one example of how we set up community events.

I for one think the new fencing around the graveyard is a great improvement. This was funded by the Community Association.

Going forward, the proposed extension for the hall is gathering momentum. This will enable us to clear the stage of storage and allow more ready use of the hall for performances and events.

I am hoping that when I move on from the Chair I will be able to help those who are interested in getting the football field up and running again to become an integral part of village life.

The current flavour is for more community involvement as part of "The Big Society" initiative. Having thought about it, it is my view that we are pretty much there with the Community Association which seems to cover most of the Societies and other interests in the village. I am sure, however, more can be done in particular in terms of closer ties with the Parish Council, and if there is anyone in the village who is part of an organisation that doesn't feel represented then please contact me as soon as you can.

One recent decision of the Council was that we would endeavour, in conjunction with the Parish Council, to erect a display sign in the village hall car park showing our local walks - the idea being that we use funds raised during the Queens celebrations (see above) and dedicate the sign to this Golden Jubilee year.

**Thanks again for all your help and support!**

*ROGER WATTS - Chairman*



# COMMENT!!

## WHAT A DIVERSION

*Ring Ring.* "Hallo, I was coming in to Chesham to bring some clothes into Oxfam, but I followed the Diversion signs at the A41 roundabout and I am now in Wigginton!! What do I do and where do I go? Help!"

Does that sound depressingly familiar during the recent roadworks??

At first it was all "Hurrah, Hurrah!" when we heard the news that roadworks were due to take place on the potholed track into Chesham known as the Ashley Green Road in March this year.

The journey into Chesham had been quite perilous for a year or so - it was a case of "*Beware! Potholes may contain traces of road*", and now it was to be repaired - not just a dash of tar and some chippings but the full works involving planing off the top surface and relaying with a solid tarmac finish.

We had been warned that the road would be closed for a couple of weeks, but we realised that we could put up with a little bit of inconvenience, but on the day itself that "little bit" was a major headache.

The signs on the A41 itself, and at the A41 roundabout leading to Ashley Green, said "ROAD AHEAD CLOSED" and a diversion was signed at both points.

A Diversion?? The arrows pointed out into the hinterland - right up the A41 towards Aylesbury. After that - nothing!

No indication that Ashley Green was still accessible, and that a short diversion up Two Dells Lane was available.

Yes - In Ashley Green itself a further set of signs told us that the Road Ahead was closed, but arrows now pointed up and along Two Dells Lane, so for those who ignored the first set at the A41 a more sensible diversion was easily available.

This did not remove all the confusion though since many cars stopped at the church then either decided Two Dells Lane was sensible, or turned round and went back. Some even turned into Hog Lane and others pressed gamely on towards Chesham, returning a minute or two later. Any villagers walking by were asked by the confused drivers what to do, and we could have usefully positioned a full time aid worker at the church to help direct traffic.

In the evenings when work had stopped, the road was clear and if drivers took a bit of care they found they could drive through.

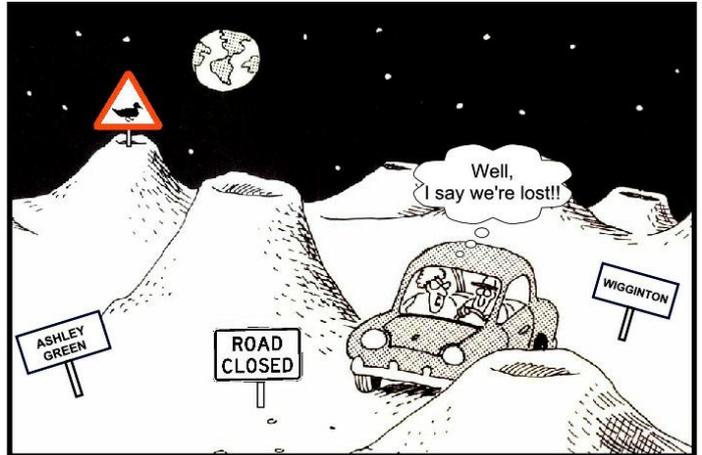
However in the confusion quite a few people actually went up the A41 and came off at Wigginton and then paused.

The phone call, above, was just one instance of a lost soul. One couple called in to ask what they should do, and were directed back, but on seeing the "closed" signs again sighed, and turned round and went home.

A call to the phone number on the signs for "Transport for Bucks" did not produce any coherent replies.

Asked why people were being diverted to Wigginton - miles out of the way - the operator replied "If we close an A road, we must divert on to another A road, and people should follow the signs properly". (Nobody saw signs in Wigginton) When it was pointed out that there was, in fact, a correct set of signs in the village itself (and not an A road either), the operator was not sure and was going to inform the "Project Manager" who would investigate. Well, said manager may well have investigated, but nothing changed. What a shambles. You couldn't make it up!!

**But at least we now have a nice bit of road!!**



*Mind you - if you drive to Wigginton on a dark and misty night, you might see the ghosts of pale and emaciated folk driving round the lanes forever doomed!!*

## LETTERS

Yes - you can write in on any topic you think is relevant to us in Ashley Green, and this issue sees a couple of letters from a Mr Clive Blofield - an ex pupil of the school during the war. He now lives in Northchurch. He also sent in the photo (below).

*L to R: Leslie Pedder, Cecil Stanbridge, Clifford Bowden, Ronald Coppin, Clive Blofield, Mrs M E James, Jim Thompson, Henry Whitney, John Redding and Gisella Jokel.*

Many Thanks, Clive.



**Dear David.**

In the Spring 2006 publication of "Community Call" (Issue No.3), there was a story, told by the late Enid Reeves, about a local man called Jake, who worked for Mr Ratcliffe and supposedly lived in the last post office cottage with his housekeeper Jenny. I have heard this story before from another member of the Reeves family, but with different characters and set in Ealing, which is where the Reeves family came from to escape the bombing. For the sake of Jake's reputation, let me set the record straight.

Jake Sherman was head cowman to Mr Frederick Ratcliffe who farmed at Snowhill Farm. Jake lived at No. 4 Post Office Cottages with his wife Maud and daughter Doreen. In the Autumn of 1940, Mr Ratcliffe went up to London on business and returned in the evening feeling unwell. Next day, he was taken to the West Herts Hospital at Hemel Hempstead where he later died of meningitis.

His widow was left with four children; Diana and Freddie who were then in their mid teens, Johnnie who was nine and baby Jane. Jake now became the mainstay of the farm. Mrs Ratcliffe was allocated two land girls to assist Jake. Initially, Jake was not impressed with his new assistants, but Pearl and Mary quickly proved their worth. Diana and Freddie's contribution also increased and by 1945 the farm was thriving.

Jake's daughter Doreen worked in Berkhamsted. In 1942, she suffered horrendous injuries when her bicycle was hit by an American Jeep at the Brickhill Green crossroads. It transpired that the Americans were newly arrived in the UK, not used to driving on the left and totally unprepared for driving in the blackout with hooded lights. Her long stay in hospital was made even more distressing when she learned that her fiancé, Frank Cook, had been taken prisoner by the Italians in the Western Desert conflict. Doreen never really recovered from her injuries. It was a reminder that the blackout could be much more dangerous than the nightly visitations of the Luftwaffe.

Frank also suffered from his prisoner of war experiences, but in 1947, Frank and Doreen married. Frank began a new career as the engineer to the owner of a vintage Bugatti racing car. Jake continued to look after his cows. The land girls were demobbed. Diana eventually married and moved away and in the 1950's Freddie also got married and took over the running of the village shop and post office, converting the original bake house into living accommodation. Johnnie too got married and built himself a house in Hog Lane. Eventually, Mrs Ratcliffe sold the farm and she and Jane moved to Chesham.

Best wishes Clive Blofield.

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**Dear David** - A follow up to 'A Mucky Tale' in Issue 12 in the Spring of 2011.

I was sorry to hear that Sewage Tankers were still a feature of village life in 2011. I remember the rejoicing when it was learned that a Sewage Treatment Plant was to be located in Lower Orchard, behind the school. I believe at that time there were plans to drain the surplus 'outflow' into Cony Dell at the far end of Lower Orchard where it would drain into the exposed chalk workings.

When I arrived at Ashley Green in 1940, the Post Office Cottages (with the exception of the Post Office itself which had a cesspool) still had bucket toilets. These, to my mother's disgust, were emptied onto middens situated on each cottage's allotment to the rear. No doubt many other isolated and rural properties enjoyed similar arrangements. The Post Office Cottages' toilets were situated in a separate outbuilding to the rear of the cottages, a building serving a pair of cottages.

These outbuildings were divided up internally by walls which were slightly higher than average head height, the front portion being the relative cottage's coal shed and the rear portion the toilet. Thus it was possible to carry on an amiable conversation with one's neighbour while both were otherwise engaged.

The more modern village properties had cesspools, while the wealthier ones had septic tanks. In those days, Ashley Green was serviced by Amersham Rural District Council. So the sewage tankers had to come from Amersham, travelling through Chesham empty and then returning by the same route with their fragrant load. Obviously this was (and evidently still is) a time consuming process.

I doubt it was ever officially approved, but to improve productivity it was not unknown for a tanker to spend all day emptying cesspools in the village without once returning to Amersham. The tanker when full, would discretely draw up behind Snowhill Farm at the top of the first hill and discharge its contents into the fir wood where a natural gully made for swift drainage.

Eventually, the 20th century caught up with the Post Office Cottages and we swapped our toilet buckets for flush toilets connected to a brand new cesspool. Even then, all was not well. I recall coming home on leave from Germany to find my mother distressed because the cesspool was full and could not be emptied for some days.

I knew a young man who lived at 'The Bungalow' (a former Baptist Chapel) in Hogg Lane who worked at flight Equipment in Chesham. He had a hand operated fuel priming pump borrowed from an aircraft which he used to relieve the excess from his cesspool which he then shared with local rabbits. He willingly lent it to me and in a couple of hours I was able to relieve all four households.

Regards, Clive.

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### **WHY NOT CONTRIBUTE?**

Why don't you send a letter, or an article? Obviously we'd like it to be topical, but if you have something you think we would like to read, just send it in anyway.

You can email to [info@ashleygreen.org.uk](mailto:info@ashleygreen.org.uk)

### **Join the Community Association**

Take an active part in your village. Meet your neighbours, come to some events, and get involved. Annual fee is just £5.00 and there are family rates too. Contact the membership Secretary on 01442 876965

## SO WHAT GOES ON HERE?

We have all these great buildings in the village, but do you really know how well our facilities are used? We published a list several issues ago, but here is the up to date version. We do rely heavily on our lettings for the funds to maintain all these buildings for the benefit of the villagers, so if you know anyone who needs a hall to hire - you know where to come.

### **Memorial Hall**

<b>Monday</b>	
Berkhamsted Theatre Company	20:00 – 22:00
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Zumba Dance Laura Thompson	17:45 – 19:15
Youth Drama	19:30 – 21:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Zumba - Denise Street	09:15 – 10:15
Bowls	15:00 – 17:00
BTC (see Monday)	20:00 – 22:00
<b>Thursday</b>	
Bridge	18:00 – 22:30
<b>Friday</b>	
AGDCA Film Club	18:00 – 23:00
<b>Saturday</b>	
Kid's Tennis Club	10:30 – 11:30
<b>Sunday</b>	
Not In Use	

### **Old School Hall(s)**

<b>Monday</b>	
Youth Drama	17:00 – 18:30
Art	19:30 – 21:30
Yoga	20:00 – 21:30
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Upholstery	19:00 – 22:00
AGDCA Executive	20:00 – 22:00
AGDCA Council	20:00 – 22:00
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Madura Salsa mature	10.00 – 11.00
Irish Dancing	16.00 – 18.00
Bridge	19:30 – 21:45
<b>Thursday</b>	
W.I.	19:45 – 21:30
Parish Council Meeting	20:00 – 22:00
<b>Friday</b>	
Danzante	09.30 – 10.30
Youth Club	18:00 – 21:00
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday School	09:00 – 11:00

### **Green Room (Pilates)**

Monday	09.00 – 12:00
	17.00 – 20.00
Tuesday	09.00 – 10:00
Wednesday	09.00 – 12:00
Thursday	08:00 – 10:30
	18:00 – 21:00
Saturday	09.00 – 11.00

### **Wykes Room (Youth Drama – Di Burnett)**

Monday	19.00 – 20.30
Thursday	18.00 – 19.30

Some events are periodic - not every week - but you can see that we are very busy.

To enquire, or to hire a room call our lettings office: 07979 634988 or Email [lettings@ashleygreen.org.uk](mailto:lettings@ashleygreen.org.uk)

## JOHNS LANE FARM

We just heard that the milk companies that buy the milk from Kevin and Brenda at Johns Lane Farm are to cut the price by 2p per litre. It doesn't sound a lot, but it really could mean life or death to "our" farm.

What a sad reflection on the farming and financial policies being exercised today.

You will have read in Community Call a year ago about the pressures upon small dairy farmers, and how we wondered then if our farm could last until Christmas. Well it did, but who knows what effect this price reduction will have. Let us hope it all turns out well.

Watch this space - and do go along to buy your eggs and other produce available in the shop at the farm, and show Kevin and Brenda all the support you can.

## THE ART OF SOCIAL DANCE

Many years ago dancing was the most generally accepted form of entertainment and the way to meet new people.

Maduro Salsa has made a decision to try to rekindle a social aspect through dance. Tony and Yvonne Rudge, who live in Berkhamsted, have been visiting many places to undertake daytime and evening classes and have recently introduced morning dance and exercise lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays at The Old School in Ashley Green.

These structured dance classes and dance exercise classes (Danzante) cater for all abilities and are the first steps in developing a way of assisting weight loss, toning the muscles, improving body shape and posture, as well as building heart strength, increased stamina, improved memory, co-ordination and self-esteem. All these attributes are accompanied by music to Afro-Caribbean and Latin rhythms which make one want to dance.

New research has highlighted the role of dance in helping the emotional and physical well being of the more mature generation, and it is said that dance is the best form of exercise for the older person, helping to stave off a wide range of ailments. Maduro Salsa groups are about 75 percent women and 25 percent men in the mature age range.

The details at Ashley Green are:

Fridays - 9.30am to 10.30am - Danzante (dance exercise)  
Wednesdays - 10am to 11am - Salsa (re-starting in September)  
All cost £5 person (current).

Contact Yvonne for more information: Tel 07787 791636  
or e-mail - [info@madurosalsa.co.uk](mailto:info@madurosalsa.co.uk)  
Web site - [www.madurosalsa.co.uk](http://www.madurosalsa.co.uk)



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15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 was the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Ashley Green W.I. and it is to our members' credit that the group is still going strong after all these years.

Of course things have changed in many ways over the past years, particularly the fact that when our W.I. started, all the members were actually from Ashley Green. Some moved to nearby towns and these days only 8 of us are from the village and the other 24 members come from Chesham, Berkhamsted, Tring, Bovington and Wigginton.

However, we should be flattered that these ladies wish to join us and not their local branch. It is disappointing that many of the "40 something" girls in the village do not wish to join our association. I know that most of us are a lot older and retired, but I do not think non-members know what a good time we have!

We have excellent speakers 8 months of the year, monthly pub lunches complemented by occasional walks, trips to gardens and stately homes, quizzes, silent auctions, clothes swaps and we have had barbecues and garden parties in the summer at houses with gardens big enough to accommodate members and their husbands and partners.

We have a drama group which presents an entertainment or play (with the emphasis on laughter) at our Christmas parties. We always organise the teas at the Village Fete in the summer and in the past have marked various jubilees, royal weddings, etc. with lunches or suppers in the village hall for our members and other halves, suitably dressed to kill!

To celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we went to Pendley Manor for afternoon tea. There was a presentation of photographs taken over the years to the present day, lots of talk and laughter, only one very short speech and a good time was had by all.

If you live locally and are interested in seeing how we operate, please do come along to one of our meetings (the second Thursday in every month at 7.45pm. at the Old School unless we are hit by snow and ice) and you will be made very welcome. *Pat Harmer. President*



*A Day out at Stowe - 2012.*

## ASHLEY GREEN FILM CLUB

And so we come to the end of this seasons films put on for our benefit in the Memorial Hall.

Yes - we really do have a large screen (3 metres - or about 9 feet to you) and a quality, high definition, projector - **and** the irritating missing single pixel has now been repaired, so all is fine.

Films shown so far in no particular order have included:-

- Chariots of Fire
- Jane Eyre
- Rio
- Fargo
- Paul
- Toy Story
- Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
- Brides Maids
- Life of Brian
- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
- Limitless
- Inception
- Up
- Mama Mia
- The Chronicles of Narnia
- Blazing Saddles

What a great and varied selection!!

We have a good membership - enough so that the income to date from the fees (only £10 per annum for adults) and the sale of drinks, has covered the cost of the kit.

However while there are a lot of members, the evenings are regularly supported by a much smaller number - which can be a little disappointing. The Matinees (mainly films for the younger among us) have not been well supported and will not be part of the next season.

However, there have been some real corkers (Do you recall the body in the chipper in Fargo - Yuk!) and some stunners too, and work is under way to bring you a new season of great entertainment.

Renew your membership, keep you eyes peeled for the next season's programme and (above all) come along and support this great venture.

Thanks to Roger Macklin and family for running this each month - and manning the bar!!.

Help is needed for bar work, putting out chairs/tables or even being given a chance to work the projector!!.

**Feel like helping?      Come on!      Volunteer!**

## THE BIG PICTURE

As we reflect this year on the selfless service that Her Majesty the Queen has rendered to our country over the past sixty years, please consider also the support given freely by so many in our community who volunteer and who contribute so much to the benefit of all in and around Ashley Green.

We are fortunate to belong to a community where volunteering flourishes. If it did not, the institutions that bind us all together and help give our community its character - the Village Hall, Old School, the church, the Community Association and many others - would be in dire straits. So many people give freely of their time and skills to make our village such a pleasant place to live.

So, as the days warm and lengthen, and you come to think about the activities that you enjoy, why not also think about how you can put these to a wider use - and be a volunteer?

Volunteering is not about conscription - there are so many opportunities for us all to help our villages as we help ourselves - whether we like being creative, enjoy organising, gardening, sharing our knowledge or even just walking, we can help ensure the prosperity of the Community Association, support housebound neighbours, help maintain our footpaths and hedgerows or just help keep the area neat and tidy by picking up litter.

When considering how, if and when to volunteer, think about all the benefits of village life that you enjoy, and perhaps take for granted - including this newsletter - and how these would be threatened without the support of our friends and neighbours who already do so.

**From Andrew Garth - our elected Local Councillor.**

*Why don't you get involved too. Our events and activities don't run themselves but need people to do the leg work to make everything so successful.*

*If you are new to the village, come along and get involved. Join The association, meet your neighbours or just give a little time. You know it makes sense!! Ed.*

## ASHLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

After four years the chairman, David Natali, will be standing down at the AGM to be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Old School at 7.30pm. All Parish residents are welcome. David will deliver the Chairman's report at this meeting (also to be seen on the PC website at: [www.ashleygreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.ashleygreenparishcouncil.org.uk)).

The PC regular meeting will follow the AGM. Should people wish to stay on they should register their interest with the Parish Clerk. Why not go along and get involved?

We wish David's successor every success in his or her new role, and hope that we may see them on a regular basis at our meetings and at our events.

We also hope that the Community Association and the Parish Council may begin to forge much closer ties (See report from the Chair - Page 2) which really will be of so much benefit to the village and villagers. From time to time PC vacancies are advertised on the notice board and the website. Ever thought of seeking a place on the Parish Council??

## QUEENS JUBILEE!!

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# DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

IN ASHLEY GREEN

**Monday June 4th 2012**

**THE LONGEST LUNCH ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

**12.30 for 1.00pm.**

**CREAM TEAS IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - from 3.00pm to 5.00pm**

**BONFIRE 8.00pm - on the Glebe**

**MUSIC AND DANCING - 8.30pm. In the Memorial Hall.**

Details on our Website. For more information call Mary on 01442 866549

We plan to mark the Queens Jubilee in Ashley Green with events during the day on June 4<sup>th</sup> and you will have received a "flyer" through your door recently.

That gives all the details and times, and it looks to be quite a full, and fun, day.

Please make every attempt to come along and make this a real community event.

All villagers are welcome whether members of the association or not.

It really would help if you could let us know if you are coming so either call 01442 866549 or email [info@ashleygreen.org.uk](mailto:info@ashleygreen.org.uk).

You may also have seen the newspaper **SPRING CLEAN** campaign to make Britain tidier during this Jubilee year.

That is an achievable goal which urges companies and individuals to have a go at reducing the litter in our towns and on our streets.

Just clearing any of the assorted rubbish that appears as if by magic on the verges outside your house would be a great start.

Have a look. Check it out. Pick it up. Bin it. Simple!!

## **JUBILEE BELL**



*We are trying to make sure that the Bell on the Old School will be able to be rung for the Queens Jubilee.*

*It hasn't been heard for many years, so do think of our Chairman as he clambers up a ladder on to the roof to check it is OK, very soon.*

*Then - if successful - we will listen to it ring out!!*

**Good Luck Roger!!**

## Adverts

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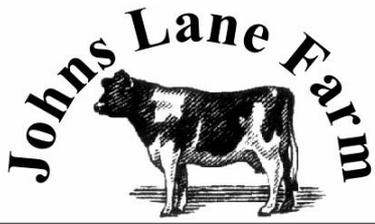
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Johns Lane (off Hog Lane) Ashley Green  
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**Ashley Green Community Association**  
**GRAND**  
**MASQUERADE BALL**  
**Saturday October 20th**  
**7.30pm for 8.00pm**  
**Watch for details!!**

**Rooms to Hire**  
**in Ashley Green**  
Excellent facilities in convenient location.

Suitable for:-  
Receptions, Meetings, Parties,  
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Well heated accommodation for up to 150 people.  
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All glassware, crockery & cutlery.  
Stage and Bar Area.  
Modern Audio Visual equipment available.  
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Two rooms which can be joined into one.  
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 contact  
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**ASHLEY GREEN  
ART GROUP**



**EXHIBITION**

IN THE OLD SCHOOL, ASHLEY GREEN

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER 10.00am – 5.00pm  
SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER 10.00am – 1.00pm

See posters or Website for details later.

**WALKING GROUP**

Anyone interested in joining a new Walking Group?  
Details to be finalised, but if interested call:  
Yvonne on 01442 971094




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