

COMMUNITY CALL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“COMMUNITY CALL” IS



Yes. Our village newsletter, “Community Call” has been going for Ten Years in its current format. We are celebrating this with a **full colour** issue this time and hope you enjoy reading about what goes on here in your village.

AN OVERVIEW

Who would believe that it has been ten years since “Community Call” was published in its current format. Copies are delivered to every household and to outlying association members and also left in our halls, the church and the pub.

The “Bulletins” - introduced about twelve months ago and already nearing the 100th issue - complement “Call” by quickly reaching people via Email with up-to-date information about local issues. To complete the picture we have our own Website. All these together giving us a very good information service.

We have some excellent facilities in the village with the Memorial hall and the three buildings on the Old School site and these are very popular for all manner of events and activities. Bookings are very healthy and these are a valuable source of revenue which we use to continually maintain the buildings to a high standard.

We have just completed a major refurbishment of the Old School itself with a schedule of repairs and redecoration throughout. This has been topped off by a set of new curtains, some new lights and a pair of smart gates at the entrance. What an improvement!

All these things happen because there are a team of people who work tirelessly to ensure we have village facilities that make people pleased to be here. We must say thanks to all of them, and to all who come along and support us. We do look for additional support and new blood too, so maybe you have a little time to help?

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BONFIRE NIGHT - on the Glebe

Wednesday November 5th

ADVENT FAIR

and

FILM CLUB

Saturday November 29th

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday December 7th

CAROLS AT THE EAGLE

(With the “Consort”)

Wednesday December 17th

St. JOHN's CAROL SERVICE

Sunday December 21st

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

If you are not a member yet, come on, join up! By joining the Association you become an integral part of your village and can meet your neighbours and friends at one of the social events.

Annual fees are very reasonable.

Per adult - £5.00

Per family - £15.00 (2 adults and up to 3 children under 14).

Your contribution helps toward the upkeep of the village facilities, and you also get the massive benefit of **FREE** entry to the Village Christmas Party.

NEW VILLAGERS.

Welcome to Ashley Green. We hope you will find it a really friendly place to live. If you have not received your “**Welcome Pack**”, please contact us and don't forget to join the Association.

**Contact the Membership Secretary on:
01442 866549**

Details of all events and activities - and who to contact - are all on the website.

Ed. David Harmer - davedharmer@aol.com

A VILLAGE WEDDING



On May 10th this year, there was the wedding between
Tamara Jane Fakh
 and
Stuart Alexander Lyle
 in St. John's Church, Ashley Green.

Tamara is Ann Broschomb's daughter - so a true village wedding - and she met Stuart while they both worked in the "Golden Eagle" some few years ago. What could be better - a bit of a village love story!

The weather started off a bit rainy but as the service continued the sun came out in time for when they left the church and went off the reception in the wonderful Teepees erected in the Broschomb's field.



The celebrations continued into the evening then on into the early morning as the fire pits in the Teepees were lit and the music helped everyone to celebrate with the happy couple.



We wish Tamara and Stuart every happiness!

CREAM TEAS IN ST JOHN'S

This year the church ran their cream teas event every Sunday through the summer, right in to September. So successful that, on one occasion they completely ran out of scones and had to rush away to get some more from home.

On the last Sunday, there was a service in the church and the last session migrated very successfully to the Old School where £130 was raised - before expenses. Here are a couple of pictures. The total raised this year was £750 and the net amount after expenses was £660.



Thanks to everyone who helped and to everyone who patronised the teas. The Ashley green Art Group staged a great display of their pictures - much appreciated by everyone.

ODD SEASONS

We had some odd weather this year. A warmer winter, a wet Spring and a dry Summer right up to Autumn.



Ideal conditions for some odd growth.

One villager found these in the woods. Puffballs maybe?



Maybe Triffids?

All answers to Gardeners World!!

Thanks to Lucy Fairweather for these pictures.

THE ASHLEY GREEN ART GROUP



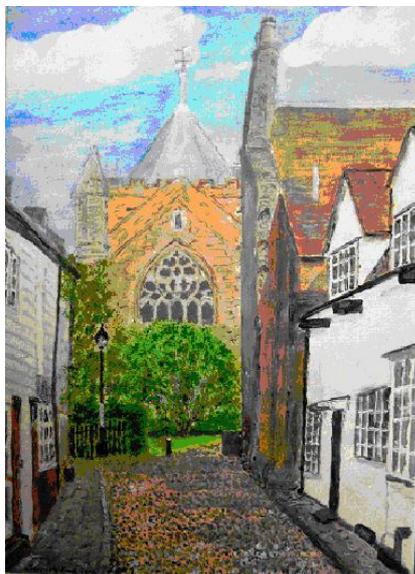
The Ashley Green Art Group has had a most enjoyable year producing a wide and varied amount of artistic work. Our Monday evening meetings in the Old School are both relaxing and full of fun. Anyone who feels they would like to join us will be made very welcome. A high standard of ability is most certainly NOT a requirement.

We have had two exhibitions this year; the first at the Village Fair, which was very successful, and the second throughout the whole of August displayed in the Church which was open every Sunday afternoon for cream teas.

There was a small display of interesting memorabilia from WW1 built around troops from Ashley Green, in the church at the same time, and both displays were greatly admired. There were sales for the Art Group from both exhibitions at the Fair and the Church.

We continue to meet every Monday 7.30 - 9.30, and look forward to another happy year.

Do come along.



THE ASHLEY GREEN FILM CLUB

IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th

in

THE MEMORIAL HALL

“FROZEN”

At 4.00pm

An animated film for all ages

(Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Prizes for best costume, Plus Snacks at Pocket Money prices!

To book Email mary_pacitti@hotmail.com as places will be limited.

“GOOD WILL HUNTING”

At 7.30pm

A Robin Williams Classic

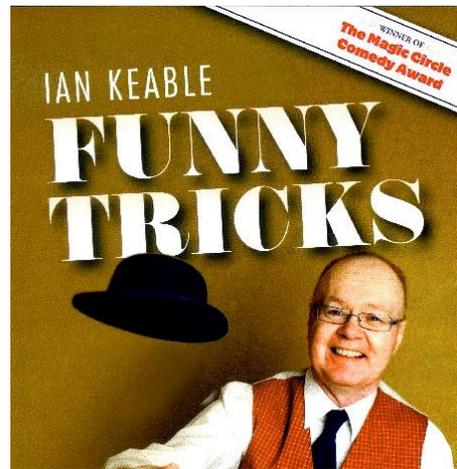
Grown up Snacks and drinks, also at Pocket Money prices!

No need to book

Tickets for each film will be FREE, with a suggested £2.00 donation
(Less than a cup of Frothy Coffee and a whole lot more satisfying!)

For information contact Heather Harris 01442 875380.

A MAGICAL EVENING



On Saturday October 11th we were treated to an evening of Magic, Mind reading and Comedy with Ian Keable entertaining us for the whole evening.

Starting with a rope which fell into pieces, got knotted up again then formed an unbroken circle he proceeded with some very most complicated card tricks. He pulled money out of thin air, showed us information from pre-sealed envelopes which he had gleaned by mind reading then apparently “magicked” in to the envelopes and did some tricks with “magic” rings. He also persuaded members of the audience to part with their own rings which he made into interlocking chains - much to the consternation of their owners - before he restored them to their original form.

The highlight was when he transfixed two volunteers to their chairs - they simply could not move at all since he had placed his magic ‘fluence on them - then proceeded to burn their £20 notes. Luckily he managed to “find” them again. One in a sealed packet and the other in the centre of an uncut lemon, before he released the volunteers with a wave of his hand.

It was a great show. Very professional and very well worth watching. If you see Ian booked somewhere for a performance you must go a see how terrific he is.

About 70 people of all ages packed in to the hall and were treated to a cheese platter at half time. The bar did a roaring trade too.

Many thanks to Mary Axon for finding Ian, and organising the event and to the volunteers who laid out the tables, prepared the food and manned the bar. A great evening!

3Cenergy

Invitation

3Cenergy would like to invite you to attend a public exhibition of the proposed solar farm at John's Lane Farm, Ashley Green.

Thursday 13th November

3.30pm- 7.00pm.

The Old School, Ashley Green HP5 3PP.

If you are unable to attend but require further Information, please visit our web-site or contact us at info@3cenergy.co.uk or tel: 0845 0305080.

www.3cenergy.co.uk

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OUR VILLAGE FAIR

Our Annual Fair was a great success this year with a hoard of visitors as usual, although when the helpers turned up to set up, it was less than promising with grey skies and rain. That meant wellies and waterproofs for the helpers and frantic trips to houses to collect tents and pergolas so that the stalls and sideshows could be erected out of the foul weather.

The lads manning the “Chuck a Bale” event seem to have got themselves well established in the dry!



Whatever the weather the other villagers just got on with it too and tucked in to that great British Institution - Tea!



Then the weather improved, the rain stopped and the sun came out and the rest of the stalls, sideshows and events were set up ready for the visitors and another British Institution - *Pimms* - replaced the tea.



There were a whole number of events, displays and sideshows for everyone to enjoy, and as the sun grew warmer the visitors came in droves.



We had a well attended Classic Car display with some truly lovely cars for people to see.

There were the dogs too who raced round the fences and obstacles at a word of command from their owners.



We had all manner of games of strength or skill from *Chucking a Bale* and *Tug O' War* to *Splat the Rat* and sideshows with plants, bric a brac, tombola and all that you would expect at a traditional village fair.



The Girls from Ashley Green here at work showing how hale and hearty we all are up in the village. Sadly they did not repeat their performance of earlier years by winning against the Boys.



The Cake competition was new - the “Great Bake Off” on TV seeming to attract a lot of male entrants.

Another very successful and very traditional fair enjoyed by everyone.

Our thanks to all the helpers and families who made this such a success and we look forward to the next fair in 2015.

“POP UP” EVENT

Over the weekend of 17th and 18th October, the Memorial Hall turned in to a “Pop Up” gourmet restaurant operated by a finalist from the Gary Rhodes TV show - Tim Zekki.



The event was very well attended by villagers and their friends who found the hall beautifully decorated and a team waiting to serve. There was a good range of choices and the meal was excellent. It was a great evening!

NEWS FROM THE GOLDEN EAGLE



On August 30th, The Eagle staged their second “Eagle Fest” - an afternoon and evening of music which was “headlined by:-

LOS AMIGOS and BLACK CAT MAGIC.

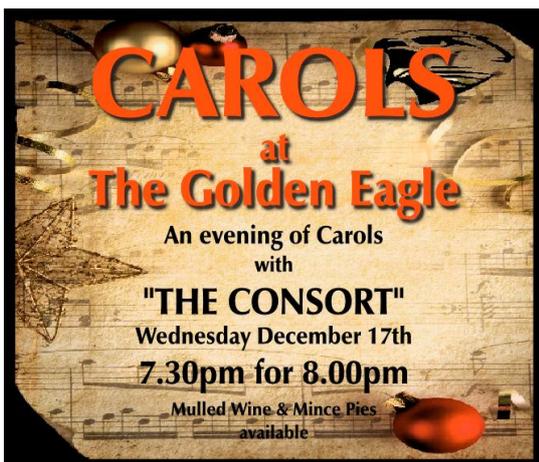
Last year the turnout was not all that was hoped for - just about 200 people, but this time the number double to around 450 people and it was a musical and commercial success with donations being made to a number of local charities.

The field was laid out well for the bands and audience and with stewards and ample parking. The whole event went very well indeed. Who knows about 2015?

What next?

In addition to their regular evenings - Tapas Nights, Quiz Night and Open Mic evenings etc.- the next Major event will be the Carol evening, a popular feature for two years.

A local A Cappella group - The “CONSORT” - will provide the music. See below for details.



ASHLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Update

Most residents of our two villages in the Parish will be aware of the gradual improvement in road surfaces this autumn. Extra funds have been found at County level to effect some long standing repairs, such as those at the S-bend in Hog Lane and on Two Dells Lane.

With the new Bellcote pub/eatery now open on the A416 a number of people in the village would like to see a continuous 40 mph speed limit from Ashley Green to the top of Nashleigh Hill. Changing speed limits incur a surprising amount of consultation and even a short stretch of road (currently less than 500 yards are unrestricted) this will incur the parish in costs of several thousand pounds unless required on immediate safety grounds following accidents.

Your parish Council is supportive of a change but does not have the funds to pursue this modest initiative on its own.

We are also concerned by a trend towards developing sites in the parish by those only seeking planning permission or certificates of lawfulness after the event from Chiltern District Council (CDC).

We are aware of much preparatory work at the former Snowhill Farm site just at the northern boundary of Ashley Green village and a new driveway leaving Two Dells Lane.

The first of these projects has no plans that can be reviewed by the Parish Council (let alone permitted by CDC) and the second has only just published plans for change of use.

The Parish Council is supportive of those seeking the involvement of the Planning Enforcement team at CDC as a result.

There is a proposal for a large field at John’s Lane Farm to be developed using static arrays of solar panels about a metre off the ground to harness solar energy to generate electricity, which would be fed back into the National Grid.

The promoters are holding a public exhibition in the Old School on 13th November and will be seeking local investment.

The Parish Council will not be making any investment in the project and will be sensitive to the views of local residents before (or if) the project goes to CDC for formal planning approval.

Finally - We shall be distributing self-adhesive signs to all homes in the parish to be attached to the Blue and Black Wheelie-bins. **

These show a 30 mph speed limit to remind drivers that most homes are on speed restricted roads. Although bins tend to be outside a home for only one day in seven such reminders are proving effective in further controlling excessive speeds.

*John Axon (Chairman, Ashley Green Parish Council)
18 October 2014*

*** You should find that these have now been included with the delivery of your copy of “Community Call”*

THE TOUR OF BRITAIN COMES TO ASHLEY GREEN



On September 12th we woke to a fine day and the prospect of the Tour of Britain cycle race coming through Ashley Green as the route cut across Buckinghamshire to finish in Hemel Hempstead. We had plenty of warning about the road closures and as the time approached people began to emerge and stand at the road side. Mobile phones were on to receive notification that the convoy had left Chesham.



Suddenly there was a roar as motor cycle outriders came into sight followed by supporting cars with bikes strapped to the roof and then even more motor bikes.

Then we saw riders. A group of three - including the medal winning Sir Bradley Wiggins - came racing past but before you knew it they were gone. Phew!



Yet more cars and then the body of riders going at a great lick. Cameras clicked and then - just about ten seconds later - they too were gone in a cloud of dust.



Then even more cars, outriders, and about six stragglers some four hundred yards back.

Very impressive and great to see in our village.

Still on the theme of cycling, the following was sent in by Rob Warren

CYCLING THE "RAT RACE"

Three Ashley "Greeners" recently took part in a local group who cycled the coast to coast "Rat Race" route from Whitehaven in Cumbria to Scarborough in North Yorkshire.

Mark Broschomb, Jim Cathcart and Rob Warren were joined by Peter Durman from Bovington, Dave Padfield from Chesham and David Street from Berkhamsted to tackle this notoriously difficult route which took them through the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors National Parks over five days. A total of 220 miles.

On Monday 22nd Sept the group each picked up a pebble from the beach in Whitehaven and on Friday 26th threw it into North Sea at Scarborough after an epic journey, which took them through wonderful scenery, exhausting uphill treks (sometimes virtually carrying the bikes) and exhilarating downhill rides. It truly was a mountain bike trip of a lifetime.

"We were incredibly lucky" commented Rob Warren " both with the weather which was very kind and in the members of the group, who were able to deal with the technical and navigational problems we faced at times. Much of the credit must go to Dave Padfield for organising and, together with Peter, keeping us on course in sometimes very difficult terrain".

Despite a few falls, several punctures and one or two more serious technical difficulties, which included a seriously buckled wheel, broken chain and gear cables, the group came through unscathed and looking forward to a good nights sleep (before the next challenge!).



THE "BELLCOTE" COMES TO TOWN!

At last, after all that discussion and waiting, the building works have been completed and the Marstons "Bellcote" finally opened it's doors for business.

Quite a change from the old "Peugeot" garage (below).

Before



After



Some villagers have been to give it a try. On one occasion the car park was too full so they went back to our own pub - the "Golden Eagle. That was packed too, with just a few spaces to park and only a few seats left inside.

It is most encouraging to see that people are continuing to support Helen and Ross at the pub. Long may it continue.

CUPPA AND CHAT

You will all know by now that the weekly “**Cuppa and Chat**” sessions, normally run in a Thursday at the Old School, have been a great success.

Here villagers from Ashley Green and Whelpley Hill can come and meet, have a chat with their neighbours and friends and also have a light lunch. It is a great opportunity for people who want to escape the four walls of where they live to meet and socialise.

Lunches can be Soup, Sandwiches, Salads, Quiche, Lasagne or Cottage Pie etc, - the menu varies from week to week as the helpers try to ring the changes each time to avoid it being too predictable - all for a donation that people can afford.

This initiative is supported by the Church, the Community Association and the Parish Council.

While the Old School was being renovated the venue moved, week by week. Here we have a description by Helen Stacey and Cindy Poston of the lunch which was held at the Chipperfield Garden Centre.

Chipperfield Garden Centre Lunch

The weekly meeting of Cuppa and Chat relocated from the Old School on the 14th August when 24 people went to the Restaurant at for lunch.



Due to a problem with Staff in the kitchen, service was a little slow, but this allowed for more Chat time!

With Cindy, Kay and Helen helping with the serving, delays were kept to a minimum.

All those attending enjoyed the outing and scenery with some also looking around the Garden Centre Shop.



It was great to see so many regulars and a few additional people, engaging in conversation and enjoying one another's company.

What was, in the first place an experiment in the Community, the weekly “Cuppa and Chat” session has turned into a great success which is so rewarding.



Cindy and Helen

ASHLEY GREEN “FREEBAY”

We started the Ashley Green version of “Freecycle” about six months ago and called it “**FREEBAY**”.

Here you can let us know that you have items that you no longer need and which are looking for a good home - **FREE OF CHARGE** - and we can advertise them via our regular Bulletins.

Among the many things we have been offered are:- A Laser Printer, Two exercise bikes, A Table top Tennis table, Dining chairs and two very large specimen plants, and much more besides.

All found a good home very quickly!

You can also advertise for things you want, too. A good example is the case where a shed was needed for the allotment site to become a communal shed for people who have allotments on the site behind the village hall, but no shed to store their stuff. One was found with a day or two of advertising. You can see the result in the article below after a group of villagers got down to mending and erecting it.

If you have anything you want to get rid of or are looking for contact us via Email or via the Website.

ASHLEY GREEN ALLOTMENTS

After having some plots lying idle for a while, the Parish Council split some in two, to provide a plot more easily managed by people who are working, then re-advertised them and now all plots are taken and being worked and things are looking up.

With the acquisition of a shed via our “**FREEBAY**” scheme (above) we can now provide storage space for newcomers without a shed of their own. Here are some pictures of the work to mend and erect that.



Should you wish to be put on the waiting list for a plot please contact:-

The clerk to the council at:-
ashleygreen.clerk@yahoo.co.uk

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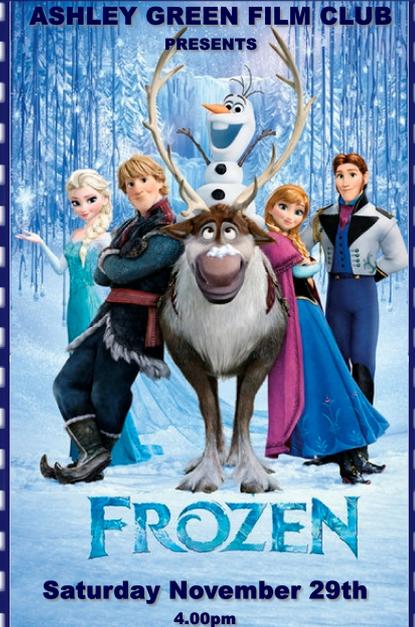
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ASHLEY GREEN FILM CLUB PRESENTS



FROZEN

Saturday November 29th
4.00pm

Halls to Hire
in Ashley Green

Excellent facilities in convenient location.

Suitable for:-
Receptions, Meetings, Parties,
Classes and Events of all kinds.

The Memorial Hall
also known as the Village Hall:-

Well heated accomodation for up to 150 people.
Brand new, comfortable, chairs.
New Kitchen facilities to commercial standard.
All glassware, crockery & cutlery.
Stage and Bar Area.
Modern Audio Visual equipment available.
Ample car parking.

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Two rooms which can be joined into one.
Will take up to 80 people.
Brand New Kitchen. Bar Area.
Parking and Secure grounds.

Another small building is also available.

The Lettings Officer : 07979 634988
Email - lettings@ashleygreen.org.uk

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ASHLEY GREEN FILM CLUB PRESENTS

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MATT DAMON MINNIE DRIVER

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For the first 20 years of his life,
Will Hunting has called the shots,
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meet his match

ACADEMY AWARD WINNER

GOOD WILL HUNTING

Saturday November 29th
7.30 pm

"CUPPA AND CHAT"

INFORMAL SOCIAL GROUP
ALL WELCOME
in
**The Old School
Ashley Green**

EVERY THURSDAY
For a "Cuppa" & Chat
and
Lunch

12.00am to 2.30pm

ASHLEY GREEN GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP

ASHLEY GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BONFIRE NIGHT

Wednesday November 5th
on the Glebe

Fire at 6.00pm Fireworks 7.00pm

Adults £6.00 Children £3.00
Family tickets (2 adults, 3 kids) - £18
Pay at the gate.

Available on the night:-

- Mulled Wine,
- Sparklers,
- Sausages in Rolls

St. John's ADVENT FAIR

Sat 29th November
2.00p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
in the
Old School

Come and find those extra presents,
meet friends for a drink and cake, and
have a go at the competitions.