

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## THE CHAIRMAN WRITES "Why We Do What We Do"

You are very welcome to another few lines from your current Chairman. I hope that you have seen the winter through in reasonable health and like me are looking forward to another balmy English summer!

At a recent meeting of your Community Association we were talking about the contents of Community Call and someone suggested I say a few words about "why we do what we do".

The Community Association actually has its own Constitution and terms of reference. Specifically, the Community Association exists:

- (a) promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Ashley Green and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- (b) establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.
- (c) promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

So basically, we are here for you.

The reason why the Community Association was formed was because there was once a threat that the Old School might be converted to residential use. This was felt to be just a step too far in terms of the loss of amenity within the village. As I understand it at that stage the shop had not long been closed. We have an article on the next page which expands on the history.

For people who do get involved with the Community Association and have put their heads above the parapet the principle reason they get involved is to get closer to the community and have some fun. In addition, we exist to look after our four buildings which are there for your use.

And my, don't they get used. Just look at the a list on the next page to see what goes on.

You can see that there are all sorts of clubs and classes during the week, the latest addition being a Zumba class.

Of course, there are also our infamous village events.

We hire out the halls at economical rates (discounted for people within the village) and this generally covers our basic running costs. However, the way we fund more major capital projects is by organising events like our dinners, dances, quiz nights, comedy evenings, fairs, bonfires and the like.

These events don't just appear out of thin air. They need a dedicated band of helpers to make them happen. As we all know the best parties are usually the ones where you have had some input yourself. This year already we have had an extremely memorable Burns Night and have again run the ever popular comedy night. The next major event is the Village Fair on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Would you like to help with that?

So why do we do what we do? Well, we live in a great village with a great sense of community, we have some good facilities and it is always great to feel that you are giving something back. Our aim is to make village life as enjoyable as possible and to keep improving the facilities that we have to offer. As you know, we are always incredibly grateful for your support. Any help or suggestions you might have about our facilities or what the Committee does are also very welcome.

We prepare Community Call to keep those who perhaps do not have easy access to the internet in touch with what is going on. I have to say, however, if you want to keep right up-to-date then our website is great and easy to use and if you get a chance you should have a look at it from time to time.

There is always a lot going on in the Community Association and our meetings inevitably end up at The Golden Eagle. Why not step up and get involved? It is easy and it does not take as much time as you might think.

On a separate note, we have had the pleasure of welcoming Andrew Garth our current Local Councillor to our recent meetings. Andrew has been very enthusiastic in his support of the village thus far and we hope to work with him more closely in the future.

(If you need to contact him try [agarth@chiltern.gov.uk](mailto:agarth@chiltern.gov.uk) or phone 07980 462628.)

I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair, and I hope a lot of you will come to the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Community Association on **Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm** in the Old School.

*Roger Watts*

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OLD SCHOOL AND THE VILLAGE HALL

### **OLD SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The Community Association in Ashley Green grew from a desire to save the attractive and well loved Victorian building of The Village School.

The School was doomed to closure at the end of the Summer Term in 1983, much to the distress of many residents; those whose children were attending the School at the time, previous pupils and their parents, and those elderly villagers who had been taught there themselves, followed by their children and grandchildren. Emotions ran high, and there were many rumours of development for housing or business purposes. As a result a small group, under the leadership of Ernest Adlington and Fred Wykes, formed a steering committee, which also included myself and Ron Bennett amongst others.

The first task had been to establish ownership; firstly denied by the Church and then County Council. The school was built on land belonging to the Cavendish family, the Lords of Chesham, and should therefore revert to them. However, Arnold Baines, local historian, independent politician and benefactor, stepped in and argued that the land had passed to what was at the time Amersham Rural Council, now Chiltern District, when Lord Chesham handed over his Manorial Rights in 1935.

It would have been necessary for the two parties to prove ownership in the High Court and they agreed that CDC should act as owners providing the building was used for the benefit of the community. It was 2 years before this was agreed, and the Community Association was finally launched in January 1985, and the building saved.

### **THE VILLAGE HALL**

The original Village Hall was built after the First World War in memory of those lost in that war and hence named the Ashley Green Memorial Institute. It stood on the car park area next to the present hall and was replaced in 1965/6 by the present hall, previously an RAF officers mess, and named the New Memorial Institute.

The principle difference between the two organisations was that whilst the Community Association was an organisation with members, and as per its Constitution, had a duty to provide leisure and cultural activities for the community. The 'Hall' had no such remit. It merely had a management committee to oversee maintenance, repairs and general care of the building and raise sufficient funds to maintain said building.

Any suggested animosity between the two was a view held by a small minority, and from the beginning was certainly non-existent amongst members of the CA committees.

### **AMALGAMATION**

This subject had been raised several times in the past. In the early days the C.A. was under-funded and the buildings were in poor condition - nothing like the rooms, toilets, kitchen, etc. which you see today. A lot of work was done by volunteers; funds were not available to pay professionals. The V.H. committee also struggled to maintain the hall.

As CA Chairman at that time, my feelings were that rather than gaining the resources and input of two groups, the hard pressed members of the Association would be taking on yet another commitment by amalgamating, with four old buildings instead of three, while the V.H. Committee would breathe a sigh of relief to be rid of their encumbrance.

However, things changed, and the Community Association became financially sound, and so eventually took over the Village Hall and we now have the Ashley Green Community Association running the whole thing.

Ashley Green is indeed fortunate in having such a wide selection of different types and sizes of rooms for its use.  
*Margaret Bowller*

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### **SO WHAT GOES ON HERE?**

We have all these buildings, but do you really know how well our facilities are used? Here is the current list.

#### **Memorial Hall**

##### **Monday**

Berkhamsted Theatre Company (BTC) 8pm to 10pm

##### **Tuesday**

Zumba Dance - 6pm to 7pm (Laura Thompson)

Youth Drama - 7:30pm to 9pm

##### **Wednesday**

Zumba Dance - 9:15am to 10:15am (Denise Street)

Bowls - 3pm to 5pm

Berkhamsted Theatre Company (BTC) 8pm to 10pm

##### **Thursday**

"Bridge on the Moor" Duplicate bridge - 6:30pm to 10:30pm

##### **Friday**

Kid's Football - 3:45pm to 5pm

AGCA Film Club - See ads for details.

##### **Saturday**

Kid's Tennis - 9:30am to 11:30am

#### **Old School**

##### **Monday**

Youth Drama - 5pm to 6:30pm

Art Group - 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Yoga Class - 8pm to 9:30pm

##### **Tuesday**

Pampered Chef - 7pm to 10pm (1st Tuesday of the month)

Upholstery - 7pm to 1pm (2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month)

##### **Wednesday**

Ashley Green Bridge Group - 7:30pm to 9:30pm

##### **Thursday**

W.I. - 7:15pm to 9:30pm (2nd Thursday of each month)

##### **Friday**

Youth Club - 6pm to 9pm

##### **Saturday**

Zumba Dance - 9:30am to 10:30am (Denise Street)

##### **Sunday**

Sunday School - 9am to 11am

#### **Green Room**

##### **Pilates**

Monday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Tuesday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Thursday 5:00pm to 7:00pm

For details of any of these activities visit the website at:-  
[www.ashleygreen.org.uk](http://www.ashleygreen.org.uk) or phone us.

## A MUCKY TALE.



Did you know that we had a Sewage “farm”, or more accurately a “Sewerage Treatment plant”, in Ashley Green? Located just below the Snowhill cottages and behind The Old School, it is reached by a track running by the school.

Last summer there was a lot of activity there, with a gang of men working, and a continuous stream of trucks and tankers.

The activity subsided later in the year, but tankers kept coming. Over winter, activity was less obvious, but the tankers are now back in force, and people have been asking what is going on!!

The Community Association called Thames Water, three times, but despite being told that they would give an explanation in 24 hours, they heard nothing. Then the Parish Council had a go, and managed to elicit the information that “The tankers may have been diverted, or that it might just be the nearest point after drain clearing”. Basically Thames did not know!

A final call a week later found an “Escalation” department who answered the query with the following information:-

Last summer Thames Water came to overhaul the plant, removing then washing and cleaning the filter medium from the filtration tanks. At the same time the “Small Siphon”?? was cleaned - both tasks taking much longer than expected - and in the interim the tankers had to come up regularly (sometime three times a day) to pump out the “input” that was not being processed - hence the activity. Now, they have found that the plant is exceeding the “Consent Levels” of outflow which are set by the Environment Agency (another set of targets!!), and they have had to send in tankers up to three times a day to pump out, else risk a large fine.

Thames Water are investigating the cause of the high levels so that they can attempt to fix it. Until they do, you can expect to see tankers arriving daily.

(Oh yes! Do watch your own “**Consent Levels**”. Every little helps you know.!!)



## Best Kept Villages

Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils have recently issued schedules in connection with the Best Kept Village Award. After discussion with both the Parish Council and the AGCA it has been suggested that we enter this competition in 2012. It doesn't matter that we are not a “chocolate box” village. The judging is based on primary features such as the church, graveyard, common, hall and community centre, boundary hedges and verges etc. Secondary features include areas around the pub, bus shelters, war memorial and pond etc.

So let's drum up some enthusiasm to enter this competition next year. We are all privileged to live in this area and most of us are fortunate enough to have gardens. If we all put in some extra effort to be responsible for keeping the verges tidy and planting bulbs and generally making things look good, we will all benefit and be proud of our village.

Plans have already been made for the Wellhead to undergo a restoration and members of the church regularly tidy up the graveyard and the war memorial.

While we are talking about growing flowers, please remember this year to plant some up for the bees and butterflies. I think we all know these important and precious insects are in decline due to the loss of over 97% of flower-rich grasslands. The bees particularly are very important pollinators of crops which are worth millions to the UK economy. So if everyone puts an area aside for growing plants that will help the bees to survive, we will be contributing to the survival of these beautiful insects.

Look out for details, or contact me via the website, or phone.  
*Mary Axon - 01442 866549*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS - 2011

- **Annual Village Fair** - Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Annual General Meeting** - Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> - 8.00pm.  
*(In the Old School)*
- **Church Barn Dance** - Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Snail Race** - Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Bonfire Night** - 5th November
- **Quiz Night** - Saturday November 26th
- **Family Village Party** - Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>

*Look out for details on the notice board. Full information about the village events can also be found on our website.*

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## Editorial

This is the **Thirteenth** edition of your village newsletter. If you have something to publish, comments, ideas, letters. Club/activity reports etc in the next issue please contact:-

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## SAVE YOUR FARM

# JOHNS LANE FARM

*"We're not sure if we'll be here by Christmas"*



In the not too distant past there were nine farms in the Ashley Green area - now there is only one working dairy farm. It's been family run for generations but in a few more months it could close and we may have lost our last resource for locally grown fresh produce.

**Johns Lane Farm** (along Johns Lane, off Hog Lane) run by Brenda and Kevin Fancourt is a hive of activity. You can't always see all the hard graft that it takes to keep a farm going but if you drive by at the right time - 6am or 5pm - you can see all the cows lined up for milking and if it's not the right time then you may be able to smell where they've been!

The sad truth is that dairy farming has now become a labour of love rather than a going concern. Brenda and Kevin love their work - the long hours are proof enough of that and their aim is simply to produce food for the country they live in. However the economics mean that the farm is just too expensive to run and there doesn't appear to be a solution in sight.

The farm shop which started as an added extra is now one way of ensuring they can put food on the table. Farmers may well appear to be wealthy in terms of assets but currently it's a cash poor way to earn a living restricted by endless bureaucracy and getting poorer by the day as fuel and input costs soar. No wonder so many farms are selling up and at what cost to the countryside?

It is not simply a case of an individual farmer's financial hardship - there are big questions at stake. Where does the nation want its food to come from? Why can't local farmers produce local food? What happens to the countryside when farmers are no longer there to maintain it?

The simple facts of the matter are that Dairy Farmers are not allowed to set their own prices. Unlike all other industries farmers are told what they will receive for their milk and it's simply not enough to cover their costs. They have just had a price increase this year but that's now only just back to the 1980 price.

In the meantime all costs have gone up - last year they paid £88 a ton for their feed barley and need over 13 tons a month. This year it is already £175 a ton. Diesel has gone up 7p in 6 weeks and tractors get through 1500 litres a month during winter and 2500 litres a month in the summer.

We all know about belt tightening but set against the personal struggles to keep a farm running 1p more on diesel could just be the last straw.

It was 1937 that Brenda's Grandparents, George and Kate Newman arrived at John's Lane Farm. They were previously a tenant farmers at Nashleigh. We may think we've just had a bad winter but there was so much snow that February they literally walked over the hedges to get to the farm. George was an extraordinary man who was almost blind and his son James - Brenda's father - left school to work with him on the farm at just 11. The whole family kept things running, with Gran, Grandad, Aunt and Uncle and cousin all living under the same roof, and a farm worker in the shepherd's hut.

Brenda was born in The Vale at Nut Hazel Cross and moved to the farm with James, Mary and Leigh when her Grandad retired in 1957. When her father James died in 1980 her two brothers Leigh and Francis already had careers in engineering and contracting, so she took the brave decision to buy the farm herself - not easy at a time when loans for single women were still difficult to find and interest rates sky high.

Over the years Brenda and Kevin's love of the cows has been sorely tested and none more so than by Cow No. 459. Amongst the mounds of paperwork every farmer has to keep, regulations insist each cow has their own unique passport and number. For Brenda Cow 459 just meant trouble.

It was a Friday in October 2009 as Brenda was walking through the yard on her own when Cow 459 attacked for no reason. The cow pummelled her to the ground. Putting it's knees on her chest she was pinned down and beginning to black out when visions of a hearse just gave her the strength to fight back. Somehow she managed to crawl away and allowed herself an early night that day. However if that wasn't bad enough the following Monday Kevin was driving the tractor when an 11,000 volt cable fell and exploded across his tractor cab - you may remember the village power cut then?

Despite this looking like a weekend from hell in many ways it could have been a lot worse. As Kevin was protected by the cab he was still alive - he's been told normally in a case like his they'd have been shaking out his boots and collecting the ashes!

Laughing in the face of adversity is what brave farmers have to do and despite all their difficulties Brenda and Kevin rarely take a day off. In fact this interview was postponed once but only because of a cow's illness. The vet had to be called in for a displaced Abomasem. It's quite a common problem with dairy cows. After calving one of their four stomachs flips into the void and requires moving back into the right place. Incredibly this can now be done by local anaesthetic with the cow standing up. The vet cuts an 8 inch deep incision - places his arm inside the cow gets hold of the stomach, strokes it back into the right space and then stitches it in place.

## ART GROUP EXHIBITION 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> MARCH

After a long gloomy winter Spring arrived in all its radiance in time for our annual exhibition, and the glorious sunshine encouraged a good number of the public to come to the Old School to view the large and varied work produced by this Village Art Group. We were also pleased to be joined by Elizabeth Foster who displayed items of her beautiful glass ware.

It was nice to see so many stopping to chat and meet old friends over refreshments. Not just an exhibition, but also a social occasion. Visitors were asked to nominate their favourite picture in the show. The "winner" can be seen on our page on the Ashley Green website under the Art Club.

Sales of paintings and glass were greater than ever before. But it is not just sales that make for the success of the day, it is you, members of the public who come along and make it all worth while.

We are grateful to the Church for allowing us to advertise on their fence, and also for the donation of a second banner.

*Margaret Bowler*

## OUR PUB - THE GOLDEN EAGLE

There is a new Menu available at the "The Golden Eagle" and an increasing number of activities. Recently there was an art show in the pub, and it was very well attended.

Next on the list is a Mini Beer Festival over the Easter and:

- Good Friday** - Live music in the evening
- St George's Day** - Games and afternoon Hog Roast
- Easter Monday** - Boules and games
- Royal Wedding** - Bar-B-Q in the garden after the wedding.

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Despite the long hours of work up at 5am never in bed until after 11pm and each milking session takes 4 hours - there is still time to look after the hens, grow vegetables and make home baked cakes for the shop. I can recommend the wonderful fresh eggs much cheaper than the supermarkets and the cakes and biscuits get 5 stars from my family. So if you are looking for Hay, Logs, or real Dairy Ice Cream do drive to Johns Lane Farm and pop in. You won't regret it.

If all of us just passed by a few more times then we may yet still get to keep our local farm running. If you think of how big a market there is for dairy products and the profits that supermarkets and processors are making it really doesn't seem fair that dairy farmers are still working to prices from over 30 years ago. How many of us could survive on the salaries we earned then? If our farms can't keep running then where is the milk we use going to come from and at what cost?

*Our thanks to Lorna Ingham for interviewing Brenda and Kevin and to give us such an interesting piece.*

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# THE VILLAGE FAIR

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# Village Fair

On the Green

Saturday June 4th - 2011

1.00 Start

**Come and Enjoy a Traditional Village Fair**

Yes - Fair Time is approaching fast. Just a short time left and then it is time for Ashley Green's very successful Village Fair to open on the Green.

There will be lots of events and activities, side shows and stalls and something for everyone, as usual.

We do need people to help with setting up and, most importantly, taking down. We need helpers to man the stalls and assist the stallholders. It is not too late to get in touch and volunteer to give some time. To volunteer, or for information, call Gavin on **01442 864812**

## The ASHLEY GREEN FILM CLUB

The Ashley Green film club was set up in 2010 to provide an extra activity for villagers and friends, and to capitalise on the new High Definition equipment, and 3m screen that had been purchased earlier.

The inaugural screening was in November last year and we are now approaching the end of our first season. The club has 45 members and always welcomes more. The films are shown in the Memorial Hall and doors open at 7:15pm on the first Friday of every month and at 4:30pm on a selection of Sundays. A mixture of recent releases and old classics are shown and which have recently ranged from "Inception" to "Blazing Saddles." If you have any suggestions on what to screen we are always open to ideas - a weekend of Harry Potter? Star Wars? You name it we can do it.

Membership is £10 per adult and £5 for under 15's for a season. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar in the Hall. However, if you wish to bring your own we would ask for a donation to be made to the AGCA.

Our last screening for this winter season will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> showing "**Made in Dagenham**" (15) which was nominated for four awards at the 2010 British Academy Film Awards.

Contact Roger Macklin for information, or suggestions for the next season on **01442 876965**.

# INTREPID VILLAGERS



**Jimmy & Elaine Quinn** consider themselves very lucky living in Ashley Green. They moved here 14 years ago and spend most weekends walking through the beautiful surrounding countryside in training for their more demanding treks abroad. From their front door, following footpaths and bridleways they have devised a number of circular walks ranging from 6 miles to 18 miles.

Over the past 6 years they have completed a number of Charity treks in Africa raising over £15,000 for cancer charities and are looking forward to their next one in September 2012.

In addition they climbed Kilimanjaro and trekked to Everest Base Camp. The first attempt at Kilimanjaro didn't go quite according to plan as Elaine suffered serious altitude sickness and 3 days into the climb had to descend to the base again very quickly. Jimmy carried on but just after he began his summit attempt he also fell ill and had to give up.

Determined not to be beaten they tried again the next year, taking Diamox an anti-nausea medication to combat the sickness. This time they succeeded, summitting Kilimanjaro at sunrise on Elaine's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Jimmy gamely tried to light a candle stuck into a Mars Bar in celebration but it wouldn't stay alight – not enough oxygen! They both agreed that although the night they summited was tough they were concentrating so much on trying to stop getting frostbite in their fingers and toes that they didn't worry too much about the climb. The temperature at the summit was -35 degrees C.

Everest Base Camp was tougher as the trek lasted 22 days, the latter part in bitterly cold conditions and again suffering altitude sickness, but the views were staggering and the creaking, groaning sound of the Khumbu Glacier slowly moving, but not enough to be seen with the naked eye, was something very remarkable to hear.

For the moment it's back to the Chilterns, but with the bluebells about to bloom the countryside and woods are just as beautiful as any sights they've seen abroad.

*Jimmy & Elaine Quinn*

# ASHLEY GREEN DOES BURNS NIGHT

After the runaway success of the Burns Night celebrations in 2007, the Community Association decided to stage a repeat on January 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.

There was a rush for tickets, and more had to be printed so that we could get in an extra set of tables, and on the night there were about 100 people in attendance.

It was a "Black Tie" event - men (mostly) in Dinner Jacketed splendour, although the ladies won the prize for elegance in their finest "Posh Frocks" and a touch of tartan.

To the skirl of pipes the Haggis was presented and then addressed by Gavin Rennie, resplendent in full Scottish finery, before it was paraded back to the kitchen.



The meal was Haggis, Tatties and Neaps (of course) each diner having a haggis to themselves, a small one but more than enough for most people, and a dram of whiskey for the toast to Robbie Burns.

When the meal was cleared the dancing commenced, not once but twice!!

Yes, there were so many people eager to dance that the floor was too crowded, and so many dances were staged twice but with a lesser number of dancers each time.

The amber nectar from Scotland must have done it's trick because the dancing became wild and boisterous as the evening progressed, much to the concern of the caller who could not make himself heard at times.

The evening was a great success, and was enjoyed by all, and thanks to Gavin and Muriel for heading up the organisation.



## Neighbourhood Help Scheme Goes Live!!

**What would you do if you were ill or injured and couldn't get to the doctor, or go to pick up a prescription or simply get to the local shops?**

We've all experienced times when we could do with a little extra help.

There are times when the emergency is not serious enough to dial 999 or call in long term help, but just when a little extra friendly help would make life much easier.

The **Ashley Green Neighbourhood Help Scheme** is a new project which you may have read about in the last issue of Community Call.

It has been set up by the Community Association and St John's in memory of Vivienne Withall. Vivienne was a member of both the church and the Community Association and her dream was to see everyone in the village working together and helping each other. Her idea was that we would look out for each other and be there to assist where we could and it is a real pleasure to be able to help her dream come true even though she is no longer with us.

### So how can we help?

In many ways. First we can help with transport.

Maybe someone is ill and needs a prescription or pension collected. Maybe what is needed is transport to the doctor, dentist or hospital. Perhaps you need a few essentials from the supermarket and need a lift or want a few things picked up for you. There is of course a small cost involved, but this is limited purely to reimbursement of fuel costs and parking charges if these are incurred.

We can also provide occasional help at home, perhaps light housework, or gardening such as grass cutting.

As you can see the scheme is designed to provide short term immediate help when a little timely assistance is of most value.

The scheme does not take the place of other agencies who have a wider role - like Age Concern who provide care for longer periods and on a more regular basis - it just provides short term immediate assistance from within our local community.

The details are being finalised now and you will shortly be receive information giving fuller details and, most importantly, the numbers to call you need a little help.

We have volunteers ready to help out so once you receive the information and you do need help please give us a call.

*Hilary Wilson - Vicar, St John's. 01494 775564*

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*The recent Over 50's lunch was very successful, attracting almost 60 people. For a reasonable charge people could take advantage of the fact that someone else cooked the lunch for a change - what a relief! It was also a chance for people to meet and socialise too. Another side to community care in Ashley Green.*

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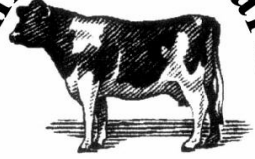
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Brand New Kitchen. Bar Area.  
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**Tools urgently needed**

Workaid is a registered charity based in Chesham. We collect and refurbish tools and equipment and use them to assist disadvantaged people by helping them to learn a skilled trade.

**Please don't throw them away!**  
Please deliver tools to Workaid, The Old Boot Factory,  
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**FRIDAY May 6th.**  
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**Brick Point**



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**Ashley Green & District Community Association**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

**TUESDAY 14th June. 8.00pm in the Old School.**  
Everyone is welcome to come along and hear what we have been doing, what is planned, and how the Community Association operates. Perhaps you might want to get involved too!

**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

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