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ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – February 2016

Christmas Buffet

The annual Christmas buffet was held on Thursday 10th December 2015 and was a great success. The Parish Council would like to thank the Ashingdon Primary Academy for a beautiful carol service.

A total of £85.00 was raised for Age UK Essex following a raffle, thanks to everyone who took part. Special thanks go to Summerhill Garden Centre who donated a beautiful planter as a raffle prize.

Budget for 2016/17

The Parish Council agreed to raise the precept to £58,396. This equates to an extra £4.42 for the entire year for a band d property. The rise was unavoidable as prices are rising dramatically and the Parish Council did not want to cut any of the services that they provide.

The Police and Crime Commissioner elections will take place on 5th May 2016.

Facebook

The Parish Council now has its own Facebook page. Keep up to date with information by liking our page.

Battle of Assandun Celebrations

The Parish Council are joining with Ashingdon Primary Academy to hold a re-enactment event as part of the school's fete on 25th June 2016.

The Council have secured a small grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund the re-enactment as well as hold talks from a local historian at both schools for the pupils and another talk at Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall for residents. These talks will also take place in June 2016.

Neighbourhood Watch

During December 2015 and January 2016, Parish Councillors visited houses in the Ashingdon ward with a view to re-launching Neighbourhood Watch in the area.

The initiative has the support from the Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Trading Standards, Citizens Advice Bureau and Rochford District Council. If you would like to join the scheme email clive.mayhew@essex.pnn.police.uk

All contacts correct at time of printing

Electoral Review of Rochford

The electoral review of District wards has been completed. Rochford District will have 13 wards each served by 3 councillors. Elections will take place 5th May when all 39 seats will be contested.

The boundaries of Ashingdon Parish Council have not changed. However, the Ashingdon Ward will come under the newly created Hockley & Ashingdon District Ward.

Ensure you are registered to vote by contacting Elections Office 01702 318187

Road safety initiatives

The Parish Council would like your ideas for road safety initiatives in Ashingdon with a view to submitting them to the Local Highways Panel for consideration. The Panel will consider:

- Traffic management improvements
- Tackling congestion
- Safer roads (including casualty reduction)
- Public Rights of Way improvements
- Cycling schemes
- Passenger transport improvements
- Minor improvement schemes

Please contact the Clerk to submit your ideas.

Bus Shelters

Essex County Council has recently installed several brand new bus shelters in Ashingdon. New shelters can be found in Greensward Lane, opposite Canewdon Road and Ashingdon Road. All have two seats and an electricity supply so that real-time bus schedule displays can be fitted to tell passengers when the next bus is coming. All buses will constantly radio their location back to base and so the displays will give accurate arrival times.

Help make things Simpler, Better, Together in Castle Point and Rochford

In preparation for the future, local leaders are looking at changing the way health and social care is delivered locally. Visit the website below to be involved in plans to help to improve the way health and social care services are jointly delivered in Castle Point and Rochford. This is part of a wider transformation programme led by NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG and Essex County Council entitled 'Simpler, Better, Together: Preparing for the future.'

<http://castlepointandrochfordccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/simpler-better-together-preparing-for-the-future>

Rochford 10k run will take place on Sunday 8th May 2016. For more details visit www.rochfordrunningclub.org

KAOS Youth Club

KAOS youth club meets at Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm till 8.30pm for 10-16 year olds. £10.00 membership and £2 on the door.

Greensward Academy – Hairspray Performance

Three sold out audiences could not control their praise or their feet as they offered standing ovations night after night in response to Greensward Academy's super-sized musical theatre performance of Hairspray. This was the first large scale performance in the newly built Aristotle Theatre and was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the talents of our performers, crew and musicians from Years 7 to 13.

Keeping Safe and secure

When it comes to strengthening your home security, an alarm system can firstly be used as a means of summoning help if somebody breaks into your property and secondly as a deterrent to a potential burglar.

When investing in an intruder alarm it is advisable to have it professionally installed although they can be installed manually. When enquiring into alarms do not consider using cold callers or telephone sales. If you have any concerns or queries around a potentially alarm company do not hesitate to contact the Police or Trading Standards for advice.

AUDIBLE ONLY: This will be the bells only and can either be an internal or external alarm.

REMOTELY MONITORED: Once triggered the siren will be activated and then send a signal to a central monitoring station. The station will contact those family and friends that you trust and for an additional cost may contact the Police.

When choosing an alarm these must be installed to the **BS.EN 50131** standard and will involve monitoring and service charges. Companies that are approved by The National Security Inspectorate (NSI) or the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) can be viewed online at www.nsi.org.uk or www.ssaib.org.

If you go for a Police monitored alarm, you will need to ensure that the system is installed and maintained by a company that confirms to the ACPO security system policy.

External sirens and bells should not operate for more than 20 minutes. Excessive noise and frequent false alarms can irritate neighbours and lead to complaints.