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ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – February 2017

Christmas Buffet

The annual Christmas buffet was held on Thursday 8th December 2016 and was a great success. The Parish Council would like to thank the Ashingdon Primary Academy for a beautiful carol service.

A total of £83.00 was raised for Children with Cancer 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 and Hockley Market Garden for donating a £20 voucher.

Budget for 2017/18

The Parish Council agreed to raise the precept to £71,479. This equates to an extra £9.55 for the entire year for a band d property. The increase will be used for the following:

- Match funding for a new play area at King George's field for children aged 8 – 11 years old;
- The potential to re-open the toilets at King George's Field;
- 4 day skate park in August;
- Additional litter bins.

King George's Field

As part of the 2017/18 budget, the Parish Council are looking to obtain grant funding for a new play area for 8 – 11 year olds. We shall be consulting with the children at Ashingdon Primary Academy and KAOS youth club. If you have any ideas or opinions, please contact the Clerk at ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net

Battle of Assandun Celebrations

A lectern to commemorate the Battle of Assandun will shortly be installed in the grounds of St Andrew's Minster.



Dates for your diary



Thursday at 7pm
Local Community Meeting
Rochford Parish Rooms

Volunteers needed

During 2016, the Parish Council had the area around the notice board in South Farnbridge dug over and planted. We are now looking for volunteers to help maintain the area with regular weeding and pruning.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 or email ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net.

Councillor Vacancies

There are currently three vacant seats on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ashingdon Parish Council please come along to a meeting held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the committee room, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Alternatively, contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 for further information.

Old photographs of Ashingdon

Do you have any old photographs or pictures of Ashingdon? Your parish council is trying to gather together lots of these to produce a display that can be used at local events where the council has a presence. They will also be stored in an archive for the benefit and enjoyment of generations in the future. Any photographs or pictures supplied will be scanned and returned to the owners promptly. If you can help please contact our Clerk on 01702 257457 or e-mail at ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net

Greensward Academy celebrates Chinese New Year

Last week the Year 7 students at Greensward Academy celebrated Chinese New Year and welcomed in the Year of the Rooster with a Chinese dragon dance display, learning all about the Chinese Spring Festival, learning how to sing a poem in Mandarin and taking parts in lots of Chinese themed activities in lessons. The students said "This week we have had people come in for Chinese New Year. This has been a wonderful experience for us all."

River Crouch Community Group

The River Crouch Community Group is comprised of Rochford District Council, Maldon District Council, Essex County Council and local parishes. The group have pursued the assessment of the River Crouch, its tributaries and islands, its region, communities, amenities, attractions, assets, services and products with a view to promoting it to local people and to the wider world. They have gained some funds and will use them to improve the promotion of the Crouch region. The group has produced a tourism leaflet with maps and descriptions of

the towns, parishes, products and attractions. This includes the RSPB Wallasea Wild Coast site, the Battle of Assandun, HMS Beagle, the towns and countryside both sides of the river, to name but a few.

Emergency Plan

The Parish Council are in the process of creating an emergency plan for Ashingdon parish. The plan will be used in an emergency to assist the emergency services with local knowledge.

As part of the plan, emergency wardens need to be identified, the Parish Council are now looking for volunteers to fill these roles. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Clerk at ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net.

Citizens Advice Bureau Rochford & Rayleigh recruit volunteers

Citizens Advice Rochford & Rayleigh are recruiting volunteers to join their team to continue providing the quality assured, free, confidential advice people need for the problems they face.

One grateful client wrote, *'I just want the whole team of people that have worked so hard on my behalf, to know how much it has meant to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, you are a wonderful band of people, that in my depths of despair were there for me'*.

Our volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds and help with everything we do. Could you join us? see www.citizensadvicerochford.org.uk for more information.

Chairman's Diary

25 th Sept.	Hullbridge Art Show
18 th Oct.	Battle of Assandun Commemorative Service
24 th Nov.	Ashingdon Memorial Hall AGM
29 th Nov.	King Edmund school production of Bugsy Malone
1 st Dec.	Wyvern Transport AGM
4 th Dec.	RRAVS Carol Service Holy Trinity
8 th Dec.	Ashingdon Parish Christmas Buffet
11 th Dec.	Christingle at St Andrew's Minster Rochford District Council Civic Carol service
15 th Dec.	Rochford Day Centre Christmas lunch
16 th Dec.	Cubs 100 Holy Trinity church
1 st Feb.	Rochford Day Centre AGM
18 th March.	Rochford District Council Civic Dinner.