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# ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – February 2015

## Parish Council Elections – Standing for Election

In May 2015, the Parish Council will be having elections for Parish Councillors, we would urge people to stand for election.

### ***What is a Parish Council?***

- It exists to serve the people of the parish by;
- Providing services appropriate to their needs and expectations where it is legally empowered;
- Representing people without discrimination and involving them in decisions where necessary;
- Working in partnership with voluntary agencies, the private sector, other local authorities and public bodies;
- Contributing to the economic prosperity of the area;
- Keeping the parish a place where people want to live, work and enjoy themselves.

The Parish Council acts within a framework of legislation conferred on it by Parliament with specific duties and discretionary powers.

### ***Who can stand for election?***

- You must be a British citizen or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- You must be 18 years of age or over on the day of your nomination to be a Parish Councillor;
- Be a local government elector for the Council area or occupy land in the area, work in the area or live within 3 miles of the area.

### ***Do Councillors need any special skills?***

- You must care about getting the best for your community;
- Have a willingness to represent the electorate;
- Want to make a difference;
- Undertake training courses;
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct and register any interests that you have;
- Have time to be committed to the role (between 1 – 3 hours per week depending on how involved you would like to be).

***For more information, contact the Parish Clerk on 01702 257457***

## Parish Council Elections – Voting

We would ask all members of the parish to vote on polling day to ensure that the best candidates are elected.

### **Why should I vote?**

- To make the Parish Council a true reflection of the community;
- To ensure that your views are represented;
- To get the Parish Council you deserve;
- To make your Parish Council accountable to the electorate;
- Because they are spending your money;
- To make a difference.

## Christmas Buffet

The annual Christmas buffet was held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and was a great success. The Parish Council would like to thank the Ashingdon Primary Academy for a beautiful carol service.

A total of £100.00 was raised for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity following a raffle, thanks to everyone who took part. Special thanks go to Riverside Garden Centre who donated a gift voucher as a raffle prize.

## Budget for 2015/16

The Parish Council agreed to raise the precept to £53,146. This equates to an extra £3.55 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.

## Community Agents Essex Update

The Community Agents Essex scheme is on track with recruitment of agents and volunteers in place to deliver the programme from September.

The aim of the project is to manage demand on social care and health services, targeting those older people and their informal carers, who are most likely to require support in the near future.

Agents undertake training before beginning to network in their communities, two agents will cover Rochford and Rayleigh. The website is currently under construction ([www.communityagentsessex.org.uk](http://www.communityagentsessex.org.uk)).

## Ashingdon Fun Day – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015

It's that time again, we are now well underway organising this year's show which we feel sure will be bigger and better than last year. We will have more entertainment and more things for both children and adults to do and get

involved in. Stage entertainment, animals, children's theatre, sideshows, rides, and much, much more so put the date in your diary now.

If you would like to be involved in this year's show perhaps as a helper, entertainer, have a stand or stall, or if you would like to sponsor part of the show please contact us on either our web site or on our usual email address below.

With over 3000 attending last year, despite the weather! We would like to thank you for your support. We hope to top this figure this year so if you are coming along please bring your family and friends, we are confident they will have a good time.

**Team Funday** look forward to seeing you on the day and don't forget to like our Facebook page to enable updates to be received. Finally here are the ways you can get in touch with us.

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Congratulations to William, James, Samuel and Alex of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ashingdon Scout Group on achieving their Chief Scout Bronze award.

## Wyvern Community Transport

The local No. 174 "Crouch Village Link" bus service provided by the Essex County Council is a subsidised scheduled public transport bus service run for the ECC by Wyvern Community Transport for the people of Wallasea, Canewdon, Lark Hill, Lower Road, Lower Hockley & The Dome, Ashingdon, Ashingdon Medical Centre in Lascelles Gardens and onwards to Rochford, Tescos, Southend Hospital, Chalkwell Park, London Road in Westcliff, Hamlet Court Road, Alexandra Road and Southend Central Station and to all points on the way back. Bus Passes can be used on all No. 174 services.

The bus can be stopped anywhere by simply raising a hand. It is called "Hail and Ride" and it is a popular local method of catching a bus in the many rural areas of Essex.

Congratulations to the Greensward Academy District Swimming Squad who successfully regained their title won last year, by winning the Gala on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The students were outstanding on the day, with some fantastic individual and relay teams. Many students became District Champions, in Year 7 girls and boys, Year 8 boys and girls, Year 9 boys and Senior Boys and Senior Girls. The students convincingly took the overall winners' trophy with a total of 277 points.