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Ash & District

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Newsletter May 2010

Hello again

Well, spring did finally arrive and I think everyone will agree that the display of yellow and pink in the gardens and the warm sunshine were worth the wait.

And just in time for spring, the new gardening group has begun its meetings. They have room for a few more members, so if you would like to join this friendly group for some support with gardening in retirement please contact the leader Ann Adey (01483 232477). At the moment they are meeting in the Ash Centre fortnightly on a Friday afternoon.

Welcome to all our new members; it is lovely to see so many new faces at the meetings. We now have 290 members and it would be wonderful to reach 300 this year.

Please make a note of the dates below for a couple of extra events in addition to the monthly meetings. The Painting for All group have volunteered to run the July meeting, so many thanks to them. The programme is not quite finalised so be prepared for anything and do remember the monthly meetings are open to all members with no charge.

Jane Morgan 01252 311498

Fire Safety Talk

Monday 7th June is the long awaited date for the firemen to return. Having been forced to cancel the fire safety talk in January, we have now arranged for them to be at The Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road from 2.30pm, accompanied by their fire engine, of course. They will give us some tips on keeping safe in the home.

Ash Fun Day

Another date for the diary - Ash Parish Council Fun Day is scheduled for August 14th and we will be there with our publicity tent - if we can work out how to put it up this year! Any helpers on the day would be very welcome. Please contact Ray Pearse (657785), who looks after publicity for us, if you can spare an hour. It is a good way to make ourselves known in the community. Don't forget to enter the craft competitions; flower arranging, craft and baking and for the first time this year, there is a competition for Ash in Bloom. Details and entry forms from the parish council office at The Ash Centre.

Ash U3A AGM

Looking ahead, our AGM and signing up day is scheduled for September 3rd at St Peter's Hall. More details later but please put the date in your diary now.

Reminder

The next group leaders and co-ordinators meeting will be held on May 27th at 2pm at The Ash Centre.



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Spring is also the time of year when we begin to think about recruiting new committee members, This year we are looking for a couple of people to join the committee as general members, with no particular job. We would also like to find a person who would be willing to organise some coach trips for the whole branch. We are often asked about trips but the committee members feel they do not have time to take on another job. If anyone would be willing to give this a go, please get in touch. It does not have to be a committee post.

The next newsletter will be the annual booklet, The Ash Branch, along with all the paperwork for the AGM. This amounts to a large envelope to post and it would be appreciated if as many members as possible could collect their package from the July monthly meeting at St Peter's, even if it is not possible to stay for the meeting. The meeting is on July 20th at 2.30.

I am always sad to report the loss of any of our members and just after the last newsletter, we heard of two who had passed away. It seems almost too late to pass on our condolences but we would like to let Margaret Lelliott, David's wife and Joan Divers, wife of Jim, know that we are still thinking about you. And more recently we have lost Rene Pohorely, an active member of the photography and poetry groups.

Ash U3A Monthly Meetings Spring 2010

May 18th The talk this month is entitled "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies" and will be given by Martin Lloyd. An afternoon of intrigue appears to be in store.

June 15th Ann Chance will give a talk with the enthralling title of "The Mafia and I conquered Mount Everest."

July 20th Painting & Art for All Group will be displaying their work and quizzing us on our knowledge of art.

All of these meetings begin at 2.30 at St Peter's Centre, Ash Street (opposite St Peter's Church).

Spotlight on :- Creative Writing Group

The Group remains as creative as ever with some quality writing being produced. However, and to give members more time to prepare this good material, we have decided to meet monthly rather than fortnightly. We are also very keen to recruit two or three new members. We write for enjoyment rather than purely for publication and our meetings are friendly and non challenging. If you are interested or know of any would be scribblers, please contact Malcolm Saunders on 01252 342682.

A Day out to By Coach To Henley-On-Thames - 8th July 2010.

Something for everybody from a choice of 3 various length walks over the surrounding country side,
to a visit to the National Trust Greys Court, for those not wishing to walk.
All Finishing the day with a Trip on the River.
All for £ 18-50. (not including NT)
Phone John Richards 01252 321186 for an application form

Please Note

The programme attached to this newsletter was correct at the time of printing but things do change constantly so please phone the leader or coordinator before attending a group for the first time.

Ash U3A Summer Programme.

7th June - 3rd September 2010

AC Ash Centre.	MH Members House.	VH Victoria Hall	TBA To be arranged.	SP St Peters.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7th June 1030 Poetry for Pleasure MH 1345 Painting/Art for All VH 1400 Fire safety talk VH	8th June 1430 Beginners Mah-Jong MH 1900 Mah-Jong MH	9th June 1000 Rambling TBA	10th June 1000 Creative Writing MH 1400 Social History AC 1900 Bridge AC	11th June 1100 Ambling TBA
14th June 1015 Healthy Walking TBA 1400 Scrabble MH	15th June 1430 Beginners Mah-Jong MH 1430 Monthly Meeting SP	16th June 1000 Family History Visit 1400 Music Appreciation AC	17th June 1345 Photography AC 1900 Bridge AC	18th June 1000 Book Circle MH 1430 Reading Group MH
21st June 1030 Poetry for Pleasure MH 1345 Painting/Art for All VH	22nd June 1430 Beginners Mah-Jong MH 1900 Mah-Jong MH	23rd June 1000 Rambling TBA	24th June 1200 Lunch Group TBA 1345 Garden Visits TBA 1900 Bridge AC	25th June
28th June 1015 Healthy Walking TBA 1400 Scrabble MH	29th June 1430 Beginners Mah-Jong MH 1900 Mah-Jong MH	30th June 1000 Family History AC	1st July 1000 Rambling TBA 1900 Bridge AC	2nd July
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MOTO 'Members on their own' meet on the last Sunday every month at 1400 **MH**