

ASHBY ST MARY PC WEBSITE - LATEST NEWS ARCHIVE

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27/3/2012

Next Parish Council Meeting

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The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. and the **confirmed** agenda is -

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 March 2011
3. Chairman's report
4. Bulk Buying Household Oil Community Scheme - Presentation from the Rural Community Council
5. Police Report
6. Financial Report
7. Parish Council Website
8. County Councillor's report
9. District Councillor's report
10. Ashby and Thurton Playing Field Committee report
11. Village Organisation Reports including - Church BYRUS, Pre-School WI, Tree Warden, Footpath Warden
12. Any other business

Parish Council details: Clerk: Linda Gray Parish Office: 5 Cedar Drive, Loddon, Norwich, Norfolk NR14 6LE

Tel 07580 796044 Email: clerk@ashbystmary.org.uk Website: www.ashbystmary.org.uk

(All Council Meeting Minutes are available to be accessed from the Management page. The Correspondence, Accounts and Planning list for this meeting can be found in the appropriate section on the Management page. All Council Meeting Minutes can be inspected at any reasonable time by appointment with the Clerk.)

UPDATED in this release:

- The **draft** minutes of Ashby's 2011 Annual Parish Meeting can now be viewed on the Management Page. They will be presented, considered and voted upon at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.
- Ashby's rainfall for March (see Handbook page)
- Norfolk Constabulary Non Emergency number (see the panel below Latest News)

17/3/2012

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3. Chairman's report
4. Financial report
5. Parish Council Website
6. Address by Norfolk Rural Community Council - Residents Oil Buying Scheme
7. Homewatch
8. Police report
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UPDATED in this release:

- WEEE event (see below)
- Have you heard of FREEGLE?

Freegle helps you re-home unwanted but useful items rather than throw them away. Everything offered must be totally free of charge! Memberships are welcome from anyone living, or working, within the area of South Norfolk District Council or near their border. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southnorfolkFreegle/> to find out more.

SOUTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Come along to the WEEE Event!

Venue - Jubilee Hall on George Lane, Loddon on Wednesday 4 April

Come along and recycle your old electrical items.

GIVE items for reuse or recycling between 9am - 2.30

TAKE (reuse) area is open to general public between 11 am - 2.30 pme from 9am to 2:30pm.

WEEE stands for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. The WEEE directive encourages people to recycle all their unwanted electrical items. To promote reuse all items brought along will be tested by a qualified electrician. Those that don't work will be recycled, but those those that pass safety test will be placed in the main hall for any resident to take away for free! A limited number of itmes can be taken away per person from the reuse area.

An example of what can ve accepted is: computers, televisions, music systems, games consoles, vacuum cleaners, toasters, telephones, hairdryers and other small electrical items. If the items are in working order, they will be safety tested by an on-site electrician.

Items unable to be accepted are: Fridges, freezers, fluorescent tubes, commercial/industrial items, large items that cannot be easily lifted and placed on the vehicle, any non electrical items.

Any items that cannot be reused will be taken by Social Enterprise Impact East to be re-stored and re-used, or recycled.

For more information please contact SNDC on 0808 1683333 or email enservb@s-norfolk.gov.uk or visit www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/recycling

3/2/2012

UPDATED in this release:

- The draft minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2012 are now available to read.
- Ashby's January rainfall has been added.
- The Parish Council has been asked to publicise the following event

Thurton Autojumble & Craft Fair with Classic Car Show - Sunday May 27th 2012

Location - Thurton Village hall and playing field

Stall fee's from £10.00 inside and outside - Book now to secure your pitch

Large area for classic cars (free entry) - Last year's event raised over £1000.00 for a local Charity

For more details please contact Keith Lincoln on 01508 480036

- South Norfolk District Council has issued the following help available for its residents. For more information please call the South Norfolk Standards Team on 01508 533705. For a printable copy, click [HERE](#).

(There then followed 3 pages of advice available from the Housing Standards Team – find a copy on the Handbook page.)

9/1/2012

UPDATED in this release:

- The agenda for the meeting to be held on 19th January 2012 is now confirmed as below.
- Ashby's December rainfall has been added.

- Ashby's Bin collections have been updated for 2012. Details can be found on the Handbook page. As at this update, it appears the whole of Ashby is covered by the Yellow Collection Calendar which can be found [HERE](#).
- At its request, Active Norfolk's Pledge 2012 logo has been retained.
- The Ashby & Thurton Village Hall & Playing Field Committee has a new Chairman - Janis Baugh. The details on the Contacts page have duly been updated.
- Parishioners are advised the rates for hiring the Village Hall have been increased with effect from 1st January 2012. See the Handbook page.
- The latest Ashby St Mary Church service details appear on the Handbook page.

UPDATE ON BUS THURTON TIMETABLES

The bus timetables now on display are the latest versions as at 3rd April 2011.

REMINDER - HEATING OIL

Are you a resident in the NR14 7.. area? Do you use domestic heating oil and are you interested in knowing more about a community bulk buying discount scheme? The scheme is run through the Norfolk Rural Community Council. There is an annual charge of £15 per group of participating members to be a member of the scheme. For more information please email the website Webmaster (see Contact Us).

Parishioners please note a representative from the Norfolk Rural Community Council has confirmed he will attend the annual parish meeting on Thursday 26th April 2012 to explain the working and benefits of the scheme.

9/12/11

LATEST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(This replaces the previous update of 21st November 2011)

UPDATED in this release:

- the draft minutes of the Parish Council's meeting on 10th November 2011 have been added - see the Management page..
- Ashby's November rainfall has been added..
- Active Norfolk's Pledge 2012 logo has been added at its request.

UPDATE ON BUS THURTON TIMETABLES

After it was brought to the attention of First Bus that the timetables at both Thurton bus stops on the A146 were out of date, Dave Hawkins, Customer service agent for First Eastern Counties Buses Limited, replied on 8th November stating "I have passed this on to our commercial department and they will look into it." The bus arrival and departure times for the latest depleted services came into force in April 2011 yet had not been changed at either stop over 6 months later. As at this update, the position is that nothing has changed and the timetables have not been replaced.

If you have a comment for First Bus you can send an email to contactus.FEC@firstgroup.com or do so via its website at <http://www.firstgroup.com>

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21/11/2011

LATEST PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

(This replaces the previous update of 2nd November 2011)

UPDATED in this release:

- the minutes of the the Parish Council's meeting on 22nd September 2011 are confirmed.

- a change in the details about the oil bulk buying scheme (see below). Parishioners please note a representative from the Norfolk Rural Community Council has confirmed he will attend the annual parish meeting on Thursday 26th April 2012 to explain the working and benefits of the scheme.

- Active Norfolk's Pledge 2012

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2012 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Thursday 19th January; Thursday 22nd March; Thursday 26th April (Annual Parish Meeting); Thursday 24th May; Thursday 12th July; Thursday 20th September; Thursday 22nd November

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The next bi-monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 19th January 2012 at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA (draft)

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Interest
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2011
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence - tabled separately
6. Local Development Framework update
7. Finance – tabled separately
8. Planning Applications – tabled separately
9. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee
10. Web Site
11. Homewatch
12. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors
13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information
14. Date of next meeting 22 March 2012

The Press and Public are warmly invited to attend

BUS TIMETABLES

A Member of the Ashby St Mary Parish Council noted that the timetables at not one, but both, Thurton bus stops on the A146 were out of date. The bus arrival and departure times for the latest depleted services came into force in April 2011 yet had not been changed at either stop over 6 months later. This was drawn to the attention of First Bus, with a request to confirm when the timetables had been updated, and the reply received on 8th November 2011 is as below.

"Many thanks for your email regarding timetables displayed at our stops. I have passed this on to our commercial department and they will look into it. Many thanks for bringing this to our attention."

Dave Hawkins - Customer service agent

First Eastern Counties Buses Limited. Registered in England number 257815

Registered office: Rouen House, Rouen Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RB.

It remains to be seen how promptly the timetables are replaced.

If you have a comment for First Bus you can send an email to contactus.FEC@firstgroup.com or do so via its website at <http://www.firstgroup.com>

PLEDGE 2012

The Parish Council has been asked by Active Norfolk if it would support Norfolk's Olympic campaign, Pledge 2012, which it is happy to do. Using the inspiration of the London Olympic Games, Pledge 2012 aims to get 2012 people in Norfolk to pledge to achieve a sport or health related goal, by the Opening Ceremony on the 27th July 2012. Pledge 2012 has been awarded the Inspire Mark by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. The project is being run by Active

Norfolk in partnership with Norfolk County Council and NHS Norfolk. Pledge 2012 has been set up to support participants to reach their goals – whether it's taking up a new sport, becoming a coach, quitting smoking or just becoming more active. For more information please go the Pledge 2012 website.

02/11/2011

(This replaces the previous update of 18th October 2011)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Interest
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2011
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence - tabled separately
6. Local Development Framework response to Consultation
7. Finance – tabled separately
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8. Planning Applications – tabled separately
9. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee
10. Web Site
11. Homewatch
12. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors
13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information
14. Date of next meeting 19 January 2012

The Press and Public are warmly invited to attend

Signed.....Linda Gray..... Clerk Date 3 November 2011

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2012 MEETING DATES

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Thursday 24th May; Thursday 12th July; Thursday 20th September; Thursday 22nd November

UPDATES in this release are Ashby rainfall figures for October and the 2011 season results for Ashby Cricket Club.

HEATING OIL

Are you a resident in the NR14 7.. area? Do you use domestic heating oil and are you interested in knowing more about a community bulk buying discount scheme? The scheme is run through the Norfolk Rural Community Council. There is an annual charge of £15 to be a member of the scheme. It is hoped a representative from the NRCC might attend a parish meeting to explain the working and benefits of the scheme. For more information please email the website Webmaster (see Contact Us).

REMINDER - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (POTENTIALLY AFFECTING ASHBY ST MARY)

The public meeting held on Thursday 13th October gave the residents of Ashby and Thurton the opportunity to learn more about, and offer comments on, the potential effect on the parishes and their residents of the proposed areas earmarked for future development. As a result, Ashby St Mary parish council wishes to draw the attention of its parishioners to the following important reminders –

Ashby St Mary Parish Council
Local Development Framework Consultation

YOUR LAST CHANCE
View Maps
See South Norfolk Officers
28 October 3pm – 7pm
LODDON – LIBRARY ANNEXE
Church Plain, Loddon

RESPOND TO CONSULTATION closing date
18 NOVEMBER 2011

Using the following contact details
website www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/ldf
e-mail ldf@s-norfolk.gov.uk
Freephone 0808 168 3000
Planning Policy Section 01508 533 836.

Planning and Housing Policy Team
South Norfolk Council, South Norfolk House
Swan Lane
Long Stratton
Norwich NR15 2XE

Development boundaries and numbers of dwellings can be comeented on. Ashby Parish Council understands in a 10 year period a maximum of 20 dwellings are required to be built, within Ashby and Thurton combined, to include affordable housing. Parishes are being encouraged to find their own solutions.

To see more information about the proposals (for example names of the landowners and developers, plus the development boundaries) all parishioners should open the link below the plan.

The link for more information about the proposed development sites, and to see the plan in a larger format, is -

<http://s-norfolk.jdi-consult.net/ldf/readdoc.php?docid=149&view=contents>

18/10/2011

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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MINDER -

Although the consultation stage of the process ends on 18th November, public responses need to be made by the end of October.

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5/10/2011

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Parishioners who read the minutes of meetings of the Ashby St Mary Parish Council will be aware the Local Development Framework is now in the consultation stage of the process which ends on 18th November. Public responses need to be made by the end of October. Development boundaries and numbers of dwellings can be comeented on. From the information given at its September Parish Council meeting, Ashby Parish Council understands in a 10 year period a maximum of 20 dwellings are required to be built, within Ashby and Thurton combined, to include affordable housing. Parishes are being encouraged to find their own solutions.

Ashby St Mary and Thurton Parish Councils are in the process of formulating a joint meeting for all interested parishioners to give their views. Mindful of the conclusions inf Ashby's Parish Plan (including reviews), your Council will ensure all Ashby households receive a notice of any meeting and notices will be placed on the parish noticeboards. The meeting is likely to take place on Thursday 13th October (subject to confirmation) - the date and any further details will be both circulated and published promptly in Latest News. To see more information about these proposals (for example names of the landowners and developers, plus the development boundaries) all parishioners should open the link below the plan.

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- Note Date Change The next bi-monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 10th November (not 17th as originally published) at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m.

15/09/2011

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- NOTE DATE CHANGE The next meeting will now be on Thursday 22nd September at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m. and the draft agenda is -

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Interest
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2011
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence - tabled separately
6. Local Development Framework
7. Finance – tabled separately
 - a. Section 137
8. Planning Applications – tabled separately
9. Report from Representative on Village Hall Committee
10. Web Site
11. Homewatch
12. Public Consultation including reports from County and District Councillors
13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information
14. Date of next meeting 17 November 2011

The Press and Public are warmly invited to attend

Signed.....Linda Gray..... Clerk Date 15 September 2011

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(To view Correspondence (tabled separately) please look on the Management page)

- LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - IMPORTANT

All parishioners are invited to open the link below to find the proposed developments in the area under the LDF. One of the developments includes a new large site behind St Mary's Road and Foxglove Close. Please note - patience is required to allow the map to load and be able to be read.

Thurton Parish Council has approached Ashby St Mary Parish Council suggesting a joint meeting to bring the information to the attention of residents. Any meeting is likely to take place during October and the confirmed date and any further details will be published promptly in Latest News.

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OTHER NEWS

- Following two heavy spells of rain on Tuesday 13th September, a hole appeared in the road along Low Common. One of the parish's roving reporters, Scoop, took the pictures below. The presence of the hole was immediately reported to our District Councillor who (in journalistic terms) is no doubt looking into it!

The photo with the shoe gives an idea of the hole's size - not that the wearer has disappeared down the hole!

- HOLE UPDATE! courtesy of Scoop. The hole was filled by 1 p.m. on Thursday 15th September!

- You can now access and read the latest Report from County Councillor Adrian Gunson on the Contacts page.

- Rainfall (on the Handbook page) has been updated.

- In Gallery on the Management page, pictures have been uploaded of the New Orleans Revivalist Jazz Band, Red Beans 'N' Rice, playing at the Ashby Arts Festival in August. Thanks go to Terry Kitt for the photos and his account of the evening.

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6/7/2011

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- NOTICE OF CANCELLATION The next Parish Council meeting due to take place on Thursday 21st July 2011 at 7.45 p.m. has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd September. The confirmed dates of other 2011 meetings of the Parish Council are shown below Latest News.

DIARY NEWS

The programme of events for the forthcoming 2011 Ashby Arts Festival has been finalised and is -

- Launch of Arts Festival

Friday 26th August from 7 - 9 p.m. at Ashby Hall South Barn

- Arts & Crafts Exhibition

Saturday 27th to Monday 29th August from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ashby Hall South Barn and Ashby Church - painting, sculpture, graphics, photography, pottery, textiles and mixed graphics. Anyone interested in participating should ring Philippa Grant on 01508 550 563.

- Six Workshops in Art & Literature

2 sessions each day from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m. at Ashby Lodge, Chapel Lane.

Saturday 27th August Plant drawing and painting; Sunday 28th August Creative writing; Monday 29th August Rag-rug making. Anyone interested in participating should ring Wendy Premachandra on 01508 480 170

- Musical Evening with Elaine Smith & Friends

Friday 2nd September from 7.30 p.m. at Ashby Church. Enquiries to Pat Cooke on 01508 480 420

- Jazz and Bangers with Red Beans N' Rice

Saturday 3rd September from 7.30 p.m. at Ashby Church. Tickets from Arnold Miller on 01508 480 032

2/6/2011

ANNOUNCEMENT - Your Parish Needs You!

Do you live or work in Ashby St Mary? Are you interested in your village and its facilities? Do you care about the future of the parish, its residents and the services provided to them? If so, why not offer to be a parish councillor - a vacancy currently exists on Ashby St Mary Parish Council. A councillor is expected to attend 8 evening meetings a year at which a surprising number of interesting subjects are discussed.

Be a local representative, be a local voice.

Who knows - it could be a first step towards your ambition to move in to Number 10!

For more details please contact Linda Gray, the Ashby parish clerk. See Contact Us (left)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- At the request of Thurton Primary School, the Council is pleased to advise Ashby parishioners that a vacancy currently exists for a governor at the school. For more details including eligibility, please contact the school using the details provided on this website's Contacts page.

DIARY ITEMS

Meetings

- The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council taking place on Thursday 21st July 2011 at 7.45 p.m.. Draft Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 19th May will be found on the Management page as soon as they are published. The confirmed dates of other 2011 meetings of the Parish Council are shown below Latest News.

Diary News

- See below for draft dates of forthcoming Ashby Church fundraising events.

- Eastern River Valleys Neighbourhood Community Consultation & Information Day on Tuesday 14th June 2011, 3pm - 6pm at Poringland Community Centre, Overtons Way, NR14 7WB.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone you think may be interested. The Eastern River Valleys Neighbourhood Community Consultation & Information Day is a drop in session, enabling you to highlight a community problem and develop ideas for projects

which improve the quality of life in your neighbourhood. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. To shape local services and bring about improvements, we need your views and ideas.

Find out more by contacting me or from the website www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/haveyoursay/3013.asp

Mrs. Armana Handley, Neighbourhood Officer, South Norfolk District Council, Swan Lane, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE (01508) 533925 ahandley@s-norfolk.gov.uk

HOMEWATCH (edited)

- From John Bebbington - Chair, Norfolk Home Watch Association

I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about the new Neighbourhood and Home Watch website www.ourwatch.org.uk. The website has been endorsed by Home Office and Crime Prevention Minister James Brokenshire. At <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk> you will be able to insert your postcode to identify local Home Watch schemes in your area. I do hope you'll take a moment to have a look at the new website which has been designed to support local Home Watch schemes.

ASHBY CRICKET CLUB

Results -

Ashby Win Weds 25th May - Ashby v Hales - 1st round of the Ashby Cup. Hales batted 1st and made 137-8. In reply we lost a few early wickets but eventually won with just over an over to spare, scoring 141-6. David Debenham top scored with 30 not out. We will play Langley Martlets in the semi-final. The Club friendly matches fixture list for the 2011 season together with a revised list of Club officers, their contact details and other information can be found on the Handbook page.

12/5/2011

DIARY ITEMS

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PLEASE NOTE - THE JULY MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED.

Diary News

- The Annual General Meeting of the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee takes place on Thursday 12th May 2011 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

- See below for draft dates of forthcoming Ashby Church fundraising events.

9/5/2011

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ASHBY CRICKET CLUB

1 May - Buxton (Away) - Buxton 130 All out (Adam Gould 3-3) Ashby 131-9 (David Gould 33) (Darren Mortimer 27)

Ashby win by 1 wicket

5 May - Saxlingham Gents (Away)

Ashby 152-3 (Nick Reeve 28 retired) (David Debenham 28 retired) (Jake Buckland 28 retired) (Dan Littlechild 26 retired) Saxlingham Gents 69-7 (David Gould 2-7)

Ashby win by 83 runs

The Club friendly matches fixture list for the 2011 season together with a revised list of Club officers,

their contact details and other information can be found on the Handbook page.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES from 3rd April

More details can be found on the Handbook page.

The most unusual headline of 2011 so far has to be VILLAGER UNEARTHES A HEAD! To find out more, have a look at the History page!

20/4/2011

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- Ashby Success!! At a quiz evening held on Saturday 9th April in Claxton & Carleton Village Hall.

Ashby teams came first, second and eighth out of more than a dozen teams.

1. Ashby - Andy Capps (Catchpoles team) : 2. Ashby Wineos (Kemps team) : 8. Ashby - Camberwick Green (Hoddys team) . As Ashby won they have to organise next years event.

LOCAL ELECTION - ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCILLORS

All but one of the existing councillors and no new nominations were proposed and seconded for election to Ashby Parish Council. As there are fewer nominations than vacancies, an election for Ashby parish councillors is not therefore taking place on 5th May 2011. See the Handbook page for more details. At the time of this update, one parish councillor vacancy exists and any Ashby resident interested is advised to contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

2011 BIN COLLECTIONS

Bin collection dates have been confirmed. Some collections are one day later than usual due to various bank holidays etc. Details of collections for the whole year can be found on the Handbook page.

ASHBY CRICKET CLUB

The Club has announced the dates of its friendly matches for the 2011 season. This fixture list and a revised list of Club officers and their contact details can be found on the Handbook page.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES from 3rd April

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NORFOLK CREDIT UNION - SOUTH NORFOLK (repeated)

If you need to borrow money to cover unplanned bills for essential items, you could consider approaching a Credit Union. More details can be found on the Handbook page.

HOMEWATCH

Updated details have been made to the Homewatch page - and a timely reminder has been received which is in the Latest Homewatch News section.

29/03/2011

- The next Parish Council meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting taking place on Wednesday 30th March 2011 at 7.30 p.m.. Draft Minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting along with draft Minutes of the 9th March Parish Council Meeting can now be found on the Management page. The confirmed dates of other 2011 meetings of the Parish Council are shown below Latest News.

- See below for draft dates of forthcoming Ashby Church fundraising events.

- Diary News - The most recent fundraising event, the annual Cheese, Wine, Pate & Port evening which took place on Saturday 19th March, attracted 42 attendees and raised £300 towards the upkeep of Ashby Church. Thanks to Margaret and Roy Roebuck for hosting another fantastic occasion and to all its supporters.

VILLAGER UNEARTHES A HEAD!

This impressive Neolithic axe head was unearthed in Ashby by a resident in February 2011. The Council's roving reporter went to find out more about it and as a result more pictures of this weighty

bygone can (appropriately) be found on the History page. Information provided by Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service has also been included. Like most finds, this one was almost overlooked as it emerged through the earth into the light of day for probably the first time in 1000s of years. With envious thanks to Mike Harris.

GOODBYE LODDON CHURCH PLAIN SURGERY & LODDON DENTAL PRACTICE HELLO CHET VALLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE

The surgery's new purpose built premises is almost complete. It's new address is George House, 40-48 George Lane, Loddon, Norwich, NR14 6QH. All its existing telephone numbers and email addresses remain unaltered. The proposed date for opening to business will be the 3rd May 2011. The premises will be home to the current clinical and administration team as well as attached staff, e.g. physiotherapist, midwives. The new premises will also encompass the Loddon Dental Practice, with a view to having additional services in the future.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES from 3rd April

Service levels and times of buses on the A146 affecting Ashby St Mary residents are being introduced from 3rd April 2011. Evening services currently operated by Anglian Bus & Coach between Norwich and Beccles will now be operated by First with journeys extended to provide an evening service between Norwich - Beccles - Lowestoft, with a slightly later journey from Norwich on a Saturday. A major and unfortunate change is the last weekday bus from Norwich bus station to Thurton which now leaves at 2220 replacing the 2300 service. For further information please contact the First Group Customer Services Team on 08456 020121 or go to www.firstgroup.com

21/03/2011

NEW PILOT INTERACTIVE DIGITAL TV SERVICE FOR NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

The Council has heard from Norfolk County Council about the above TV service which is a pilot developed following research about which channels customers would consider using in the future to get its information. The channel is available to anyone with subscription TV such as Sky or Virgin Media and will be available for a year to test whether it helps make it easier for people without internet access to use and find out about NCC services from their own homes. The channel covers information about many NCC services including transport timetables, NHS choices, family services and legal services information, but is particularly aimed at older, vulnerable people. The cost for the pilot year is being funded through Smartcities, an EU project. If the pilot is successful, based on use, awareness and satisfaction, the service will be continued. For more information email Louise.cumberland@norfolk.gov.uk or ring 01603 228990. Some details have been placed on the parish noticeboards.

21/03/2011

HOME FIRE RISK CHECKS

- The Council has heard from Hayley Greener, the Home Fire Safety Visit Coordinator at Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service at Hethersett who is offering to book free Home Risk Fire checks for the general public. The purpose of the visits by the Fire Service is to help prevent house fires before somebody experiences the devastating effect they have. The Service is particularly keen to visit more at-risk individuals or groups including "the elderly, disabled and otherwise vulnerable people". Ring freephone 0800 9178137 or 01603 819777 ext 7277 or send an email to Home.Safety@fire.norfolk.gov.uk if you wish to find out more details.

05/12/2010

HOMEWATCH NEWS

Thurton burglary

Police are appealing for information following burglary in Thurton. Between 2.15pm and 8.15pm on Tuesday 23 November offender(s) have forced entry via a lounge window of a property on Ashby Road. A selection of jewellery was taken, along with a 42" Samsung television and a quantity of cash. Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC Richard Wallis at Great Yarmouth CID on 0845 456 4567 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Please check Homewatch News for information regarding products available to purchase by Homewatch Members.

Interested parties should always check on the Homewatch page to read the latest news and advice.

18/09/2010

The recent Harvest Supper held in aid of Ashby Church funds was a resounding success. Attended by no less than 44 hungry supporters, the weather was unexpectedly sunny and warm. The occasion, which took place on the same night as the last night of the 'Proms', appropriately benefited from traditional music from Alan Sissons (piano accordion) ensuring a great time was enjoyed by all - so much so that a profit of £350 was made. Thanks to all who supported the evening.

18/09/2010

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AFFECTING ASHBY

N.B. Interested parties should note the LDF is on the Parish Council's September meeting agenda for discussion. To read about the background to the LDF, please look on our Management page.

Reference in the LDF to how Parish Plans affect final outcomes appear conspicuous by their absence. Ashby's Parish Plan made it clear that parishioners want Ashby to remain unspoilt and as it is. The prospective plans of developers which could change Ashby as residents know it can be viewed by opening the documents below.

2010 LDF Sites identified in Ashby | 2010 LDF Ashby Map