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ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – August 2013

School Holiday Activity – Monday 28th October 2013

The Parish Council have arranged for the Little Musketeers to hold an all day fencing session for 30 lucky children aged 5 – 10 years on 28th October 2013.
Please contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 to register your interest.

Winter Salt bag partnership scheme

The Parish Council have agreed to sign up for the salt bag partnership scheme offered by Essex County Council for the second year running. The salt is delivered to volunteers who then spread it in priority areas during adverse weather.

Volunteer salt spreaders are needed to make the partnership scheme work, if you are willing to help out in the coming winter, please contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 or ashingdonparishcouncil@essexinfo.net

Well done to Owen and Billy at 1st Ashingdon Beavers for obtaining their Chief Scout Bronze Award.

Ashingdon Family Funday

The funday was held on Saturday 6th July 2013 at the King George V Playing Field and was a great success. Thank for to all the volunteers, all that took part and attended the event. A special thank you to Dave and Karen Smart who arranged the event.

Benches

The Parish Council have recently instructed a local contractor to refurbish the benches at Church Road and Canewdon View Road. The benches are looking much more attractive, it is hoped that all the benches owned by the Parish Council will be refurbished on a rolling programme.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th August at 7.00pm
Neighbourhood Action Panel
Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall
Ashingdon Road

Tuesday 17th September
Neighbourhood Action Panel
School House, Anchor Lane
Canewdon



Skate Park

The District Council have given permission for the skate park in King Goerges Field, the Parish Council are now starting the process to obtain planning permission for the park.

School Councillor Award

Congratulations go to Jasmine Zekai from King Edmund School who was awarded the Parish Council trophy this year.

The Centenary of the First World War in 1914

Ashingdon was right near the front line. It was in one of the southeast parts of England which would have been invaded, attacked and passed over by the enemy if Hitler had decided to follow our troops across the Channel after the Evacuation of Dunkirk. Most enemy aircraft passed over Essex and Kent on their way to attacking London, the Midlands and most UK cities, ports and airports and Ashingdon was under the flight-path and under the war in the skies.

Ashingdon was twice considered as a route and an assembly point for evacuations in the case of invasion, originally during The Great War and again during World War 2.

Residents were informed and notices were pinned up throughout southeast Essex telling people to evacuate their homes and workplaces when the alarm was raised that an invasion was imminent or in progress. The residents in the invasion zones were instructed to walk away from the coast through towns, villages and lanes via Warners Bridge, Stambridge Mill and Rochford through Ashingdon Road and Brays Lane to Ashingdon and another route via Hyde Hall Lane and Canewdon Road so that they could clear the danger areas then assemble in Ashingdon Parish until they were directed onward by the Police and Army. Their escape route would take them west or north via Hockley, Lower Road and Fambridge Road as far away as possible from the prime invasion areas of Leigh, Westcliff, Southend, Shoebury, Wakering, Canewdon and Burnham.

Ashingdon was a very secure area, so were Canewdon and the River Crouch. Nobody could get in or out of the coastal and riverside areas without passes and permission. A defensive zone closed off anywhere east of the main road south from Chelmsford to Rayleigh and Canvey or anywhere near the River Thames.

Everybody was informed and prepared for the worst but thankfully, the well arranged plans that would have taken tens of thousands of local people through Ashingdon never had to be put into operation.

Written by : Glen Dryhurst with permission to put it into Parish newsletters

Ashingdon & Rochford U3A

Further to our Launch Meeting on the 7th March 2013, we are very happy to announce we have started a U3A at Ashingdon Memorial Hall.

The U3A is a self-help organisation to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full-time employment and/or parental responsibility) providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment.

The new Ashingdon & Rochford U3A meets at Ashingdon Memorial Hall, on the first Thursday of each month from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m., with no meetings in August & December. We will be accepting new members at the Oct 2013 meetings, if you are interested in joining us please email or telephone the Membership Secretary, Jacqui Baker - email address: jacqui.u3a@btinternet.com Telephone No. 01702 547704.

There is an annual fee of £21 per person, this entitles you to join a wide range of social, leisure and learning activities :

1. Monthly Meetings 2.00 p.m. to 4.p.m. (doors open 1:30)
2. A 'Third Age Matters' magazine 5 times a year.
3. A Newsletter with all the interesting things happening in your U3A.
4. Interest Groups & Ad-hock trips/days out.

We have running at present, art appreciation, sketching & painting, book club, playing cards, crafts, family history, flower arranging, gardening, history, home brew/real ale, I.T. skills, knitting & sewing, line dancing, lunch & meal groups, photography, table tennis, ten-pin bowling, theatre trips, walking for all abilities, card playing (cribbage & canasta) to name but a few. We also have ad-hock trips/days out, at the time of writing we are organising a Jack the Ripper Tour in London (June) , Kentwell Hall (July) and a trip to Shepherd Neame Brewery in Kent.

For more details/help about the U3A visit - www.u3a.org. Look forward to seeing you.