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Save the date Rose Queen 11th May 2019!

This year's Rose Queen will be on 11th May. We need as many helpers as possible. If you helped last year, then please help again and if possible bring along other helpers. Any ideas or suggestions would be brilliant. I will be at The Greyhound at 8pm on Tuesday 26th February to start planning so please come along if you can or send me any ideas you have if you can't make it.

Also please start thinking about Raffle prizes.

We also need a Rose Queen and Rose Bud who will be picked at Mother's Day service 31 March. Please can you let me have any names.

Catherine Jones.

More announcements will follow in the next issues of the magazine and on the St. Elizabeth's website.

For more information please contact Catherine Jones details are on the front of the magazine.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S 2019

Reece Hitchen - 1st
Annabelle Buckley - 8th
Elsa Jackson - 9th
Jessica Jordan - 13th
William Buckley - 28th
Ben Jones - 29th

Happy Birthday to you, hope you all have a wonderful day

+++ NOTICES +++

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library's next visit to Ashley will be on:

Friday, 1st March 2019

Friday, 22nd March 2019

Friday, 12th April 2019

The library will be in the Greyhound car park
11:40am - 12:40pm.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest_library_which_mobile_library_week.aspx#March

If you do not have a library card, on your first visit you need to take proof of address, like a council tax bill etc.

The Librarian will set up a library card for you while you look for a book to read.

Ashley Community Centre's Book Sale

The book shop is in the Ashley community centre which is inside St. Elizabeth's Church.

The next one is on: Saturday 2nd March* from 2pm to 4pm.

When duties allow the local Police Officer will be on hand to answer questions.

* The book sales are usually on the first Saturday of the month, unless there is a wedding on.

PLANNED ENGINEERING WORKS

On Sunday, 17th March there is planned engineering works on the Mid Cheshire line. Buses will be provided. For further details and the bus times for the day, please refer to this web-site:

<https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/travel/improvement-works>

Ice Cream Van

The ice cream van comes to Hough Green on Sundays at 12noon.
Remember to watch your vehicle speed when driving onto Hough Green.

Ashley Community Centre Events

On Friday 8th March, and following a lot of requests, we welcome back Sharon the story-teller. Sharon - those of you who heard her on her last Ashley visit will recall what a great evening we had. This event will start at 7:30pm, with doors opening at 7:00pm and refreshments available. For those of you who are unsure where the Ashley community centre is, is it St. Elizabeth's Church.

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ROAD CLOSURES

Sunday, 10th March - Trafford 10k

<https://www.runnorthwest.co.uk/events/events/traf-ford-10k/>
Sunday, 24th March - Wilmslow half marathon; Wilmslow 10k and Wilmslow fun run; <https://wilmslowrunningfestival.org.uk/>

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Council meeting is on Monday, 18th March at 8:00pm. These meetings are held in the Community Centre at St. Elizabeth's Church.

Agenda and minutes can be found at:

<http://www.ashleyparishcouncil.org.uk/meetings.html>

If you would like to join the growing list of people who receive advance agendas of meetings and occasional e-mails about important topics concerning Ashley, please contact the Parish clerk,

Sue McDonald on: apc@ashleyworks.co.uk

THE GREYHOUND PUB QUIZ

Next on: Tuesday, 5th March (and every 2 weeks*)

*Occasionally the quiz gets cancelled or rearranged to another Tuesday, so check it is on via the Greyhounds website:

<https://www.thegreyhoundashley.co.uk>
or their Facebook page:

<https://www.face-book.com/TheGreyhoundAsh>
or Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/thegreyhoundash>

If you are bored on a Tuesday evening why not come and join in the fun starting from 8.00pm.

We serve some light refreshments at half time
so don't eat too much at teatime!

Quiz master Phil will be waiting to take you through how we hold the quiz so just bring yourself and a pen and have a fab evening!

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Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 9th March from 12.00 - 1.00 pm
at St Peter's Assembly Rooms, Cecil Road, Hale.

N.B. For March only this is on the 2nd Saturday of the month.
All welcome, £5 per person, children under 10 free.

Please join the team from Mission in Action for fellowship and food
and to help raise money for our Lent Project, "Toilet Twinning",
in aid of sanitation and clean water.

Contact Mary Graham: 0161 928 6809.

Dog Fouling

There have been a number of complaints to the Parish Council regarding the amount of dog mess on the grass at the overflow car park off the Green. The mess has been walked into the car's and houses. So please pick up after your dog and also don't let them loose on the Green or the overflow carpark.

April's Ploughman's Lunch

Date - Saturday April 6th.

Time - 12 noon to 1.00 pm

Cost £5. Children under 10 free.

Venue: St Peter's Assembly Rooms,
134 Cecil Road, Hale. WA15 9 NW

*All welcome to share fellowship and
food in support of Bickham House,
residential home.*

Contact - Christine Galloway
T. 01606 888 185.

Manchester Airport Community Outreach Surgeries

A weekly surgery is held every Tuesday* at Knutsford Library
From: 9.30 am - 12.15 pm and 1.15 pm - 5.00 pm
At Knutsford an extended evening session
is held on the first Tuesday of every month 12.00 pm - 7.00 pm

* Please note if we are outreaching elsewhere (see below)
we will not be at Knutsford Library.

Next Mobile Outreach events:

At the time of going to press there are no dates published
for these events, but by the time you read this there maybe,
if you want to find out look at their website:

[https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/
living-near-the-airport/community-out-reach-events](https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/living-near-the-airport/community-out-reach-events)

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Pancake Day has been celebrated by Britons for centuries. Known also as Shrove Tuesday, its exact date changes every year, as it is determined by when Easter falls. But it is always the day preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), and always falls in February or March. This year, you'll need to get your pans ready for Tuesday, 5th March.

The date of Shrove Tuesday is intrinsically linked to Easter, a moveable feast which falls between March 22nd and April 25th. This year Easter Sunday falls on April 21st. The period in between Shrove Tuesday and Easter Sunday is known as Lent and officially begins on Ash Wednesday, ending on Holy Saturday. While it is commonly said that Lent lasts 40 days, there are actually 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. However traditionally Lent was not followed on Sundays, giving followers a day of rest a week; if you exclude all of the Sundays in the period, then Lent lasts 40 days.

The word Shrove is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and penance. The verb to shrive describes the act of hearing a confession, often by a priest. Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. Traditionally, Anglo-Saxon Christians would go to Church to confession and be absolved from their sins on this day.

The day marks the end of Pre-Lenten Season, also known as Shrovetide. The period begins on Septuagesima, three Sundays before Ash Wednesday (this year, it fell on January 31st). The other two Sundays in this 17-day period are called Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. Shrovetide was traditionally seen as a chance to indulge before the prohibitive period of Lent and is tied to Carnival seasons celebrated in other parts of the world. Traditionally, pancakes were eaten on this day to use up rich, indulgent foods like eggs and milk before the fasting season of Lent began.

But although it is enshrined in Christian tradition, it is believed that Pancake Day might originate in a pagan holiday, when eating warm, round pancakes, symbolising the sun, was a way of celebrating the arrival of spring.

Ashley Cricket Club

The 2019 season is approaching and the cricket club is starting to prepare with the square getting its first cut this week. Our first match is likely to be Saturday 20th April - 1pm start, more details on fixtures will soon be available online, on our Facebook page and in the local paper.

We hope to have WiFi installed in time for the new season and plan to show Cricket World Cup matches and other sporting events - everyone would be very welcome to join us, we will have a card reader by then too, which accepts contactless payments.

In the meantime we are holding our 3rd Sporting Dinner on Friday 29th March at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, our guest speaker is ex England rugby international Jeff Probyn tickets are £35.00 each and include a 3 course dinner, served at 7.15 pm. We will have a fully stocked bar with real ale provided by Dunham brewery. There will be a number of sporting items for auction and a quick game of heads and tails with prize money of £100.00.

Our Beer and Gin Festival will take place in late June, probably the last weekend of that month, we will have 10 real ales and a number of delicious gins to sample

We will be running All Stars cricket again this summer, an ECB initiative aimed at introducing 5 to 8 year olds to the game. For £45.00 each child will get 8 weeks of cricket themed games and exercises plus a kit bag full of goodies. Our sessions start on Saturday May 11th 10.00 am 'til 11.00 am. If you want to take part please google "all stars cricket 2019" and you will find all the details and instructions on how to book.

If you would like anymore information on the club and its events, which are open to non member's please contact Brian Birtles on bdbirtles@hotmail.com or 07766 114447.

Ashley Cricket Club

We are planning a quiz night too for the summer and a Race Night - I will circulate details nearer the time. And a Darts Night to launch the season on Friday 12th April, at the club, from 7.00pm

As always the cricket club is available for use by the local community, if you are looking for a venue for a party or a meeting, please get in touch and we would be happy to help.

We are looking for scorers for our senior sides, if anyone in the area wants to earn £25.00 for a Saturday or Sunday afternoons work plus a free tea, from approx. 12 midday onwards, we would be happy to hear from you. The club will pay for you to attend a training course.

We have again recruited an overseas player to join us at the club, James Guley from Mont Albert CC in Melbourne. He will be at the club all summer playing in our first team and living locally. If anyone has any leads for part time work for James we would like to hear from you, we can provide a CV and references.

St. Elizabeth's Church Notice of Electoral Roll

This year we are required to make the six yearly review of the membership. The revision is required prior to the ACM on 7th April.

Please check the existing Roll which is displayed at the back of the Church and make any amendments.

Application forms for inclusion on the roll are also available in the Church. The revised list will be displayed at the back of the Church on 24th March 2019.

Any problems please contact Shirley Munday via email Shirleymunday62@gmail.com or ring: 0161 980 6225

St. Elizabeth's Church Services for March 2019

Friday	1st	1.30 pm	World Day of Prayer Service
Sunday	3rd	11.00 am	The Ashley Community Service
Sunday	10th	11.00 am	Matins
Sunday	17th	11.00 am	Family Communion with Young Church
Sunday	24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	31st	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting
is on Sunday April 7th at 12 noon,
after the Morning Service.

Palm Sunday is on April 14th
Easter Sunday is on April 24th.

At this moment in time there is
still no appointment of a new vicar,
but hopefully a decision will be taken
in the coming weeks and an
announcement will be made.

Arthur Gresty

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