The Ashlink

Christmas 2026



What's on at The Call In

Where is The Call In?
The Green, Hale Road IP25 7AT
Next to the duck pond

Find out more: Contaact
Chair person Dee Bolton
01760 441 622
07926917409
AVA Contact, Bev Racher
07546409753

AVA ARCHIVES GROUP Monday 10.00 - 12.00am

COFFEE MORNINGS TUESDAY and THURSDAY 9.30 - 11.30am
All Welcome Come along, for a Mardle (Chat) and meet New Friends
PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB Every other Wednesday7.00-9.00pm,For Details Contact Graham Racher 07891815048
BEETLE DRIVE every other Thursday 2.00 - 4.30pm

KNIT 'n' STITCH GROUP Friday 2.00 - 4.00pm
Ashill Book Club 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm
Lunch Club and Saturday Breakfasts are currently suspended but may be operating again by the time the Ashlink is published. Volunteers are always welcome.

Ashill Village Aid would like to invite residents of Ashill to attend their next Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Monday 8 th of February at 7.30 pm in The Call-In. All welcome.
Bev Racher (Secretary)

Ashill Village History
Interested in the history of our village?

We meet at the Call-In on a Monday morning between 10.00 and 12.00. There is always a warm welcome to visitors to come and explore our files and photographs.
If anyone has any photographs or information to share, please contact us.
Contact: Enid Turner 01760 440419,
or e-mail ashillarchivegroup@gmail.com

Grant Aid

Each year Parishioners of 80 years and over (one per household) who have lived in the village for a
period of not less than 5 years are invited to apply for an Ashill Welfare Charity Grant in December.
Previous applicants over 80 years will not need to re-apply, but if they feel they no longer wish to be considered for this help would they kindly inform the clerk.
Applications in writing please, to the Clerk, Mrs R Seager, 38 Acacia Avenue, Ashill no latert than ***1 st December 2026.***

The amount given will entirely depend on the funds available and the number of applications
received.

However, if any parishioner for whatever reason, or age feels that they are experiencing extreme
hardship they can also apply at any time during the year, with details to the clerk and their individual case will also be considered.
Ruth Seager Clerk to the Trustees

The Editor's Bit

You may have noticed that we missed an issue -the money was running out! We really do not want to become an advertising directory so we have been searching for ways to fund the magazine in the future. We deliver to every house in the village (over 700), sterling work done by a team of volunteers and the magazine is planned and prepared by another dedicated team of volunteers. Each issue costs us between £300 and £400 to print.

While we work on a long term solution we have been saved by a sponsor who wishes to remain anonymous. You may feel free to speculate who this is. Meanwhile this issue will contain adverts to supplement funds and several village organisations have made donations so we will survive!

Ashill Memory Cafe's Christmas Party

What better way to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Ashill Memory Cafe than with a Christmas party! Come and join us at the Community Centre on Wednesday 16th December from 11am- 1.30 pm. We will have the fantastic Simon(aka Elvis), the talented Cam & our special friend Ian entertaining us and there will be light refreshments available. Tickets are £3 for members and £5 for non members & they are available from Gill on 07548626337 or Wednesday mornings at the Community centre. Everyone is welcome so come and join us!

Please note this will be the last formal session of the Memory cafe for 2026. However our regular monthly Quiz will be at the Community centre on 30th December from 1.30-3.30. £2.50 entrance including a hot drink & refreshments.
We reopen our regular sessions for 2027 on Wednesday 13th January.

For more details contact Gill on 07548626337

On a different topic, this year marks five hundred years of the turkey in England. Originally they were native to Mexico but the Spanish brought them to Europe. Henry the Eighth started the trad-ion of turkey for Christmas, replacing peacock as his favourite dish. By the mid 1700s over 240,000 turkeys were walked from East Anglia to London and by the time of " A Christmas Carol" in 1843 it was a firm favourite

Glen Franklin.

St Nicholas Church



Incumbent -
Revd Patrick Morrow 01760 330258.

Churchwardens – Wendy Peckham 01760 440952
Margaret Barker 01760 751771

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1 November, All Saints (also with a chance to remember loved ones, for All Souls): Lay-led
8 November, Remembrance Sunday, with Revd Adrian Bell
15 November, 2nd Sunday before Advent: Lay-led service
22 November, Feast of Christ the King: Holy Communion
29 November, Advent Sunday: Lay-led Service
6 December, Feast of St Nicholas, our Patron! Holy Communion. The Bishop of Lynn will preside and preach
13 December, Advent 3: Holy Communion
20 December, 4pm. Lessons and Carols by candllight. NO MORNING SERVICE
27 December, Christmas 1: NO service at Ashill: Group Service for Christmas 1 at St Peter's Merton (also 9.30 am).

Special Services and Gatherings in the Ashill Group before and after Christmas



Friday18 December, 6.30 pm, St Peter's Merton: Christmas Carols
Saturday 19 December, 4 pm, St George's Saham Toney: Crib Service
Sunday 20 December, 4 pm, St Nicholas' Ashill: Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 20 December, 7 pm, St John the Evangelist's: Christmas Carols
Monday 21 December, 7.30 pm, Wells Cole Community Centre, Saham Toney: "Quiet Christmas" – a new gathering for anybody for whom Christmas isn't a time for simple rejoicing.
Wednesday 23 December, 2-4 pm, St Nicholas' Ashill: Messy Church

for children (every child with an adult).
24 December, 6 pm, St George's Saham Toney: First Mass of Christmas
24 December, 11.30 pm, St Nicholas' Ashill: Midnight Mass
25 December, 10.30 am, St John the Evangelist's, Ovington: Holy Communion for Christmas Day
25 December, 9.30 am, St Nicholas' Ashill: Lay led sevice

The parish church earnestly encourages you to fill in the survey here (via QR code of webpage). It is to give us all a realistic sense of how safe people think the Church is in our day and age. You don't need to be any kind of churchgoer to fill it in. Quite the reverse. Please fill in by 11 November.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

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Transformed by Christ:
Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic

Ancient or Modern?

Sunday 22 November is the Feast of Christ the King. I have been known to tease congregations by asking how ancient they think this great Festival is. They tend to follow my lead, and assume it emerges from the sands of time. Someone once said it must be in the New Testament. In fact, it is (by the Church's standards) modern. It didn't come into existence until 1925. It only found its current place in the Church year in 1970. (That place is the last Sunday in the Church year, the one before Advent Sunday, when a new Church year begins.)

What was it that led the Pope of the day to introduce such a novelty (it was a Roman Catholic Feast before it made its way to the Church of England and plenty of other Churches)? Well, think of what was happening in those years. Between the wars. This was a time of turmoil. New political movements were growing in popularity: nationalism, communism, fascism. These were not just political philosophies; they often led to fighting on the streets of Europe. Each offered a different vision of what we have to call "salvation". Commit to this "-ism", and the world can be put right, perfected - each said in their different ways. Pope Pius XI found all of this dangerous. And surely we know that there were dangers here, putting it at its mildest. But more than that, he wanted the Church to dig deeper into its convictions about Jesus Christ. Christ does have things to say to kings and emperors and kingdoms and empires, and also to each and every kind of revolutionary.

I realise, as I write, how "triumphalist" this may sound, in a way that is not going to be helpful, least of all to readers who are not Christian. I'd be mad to claim that triumphalism is no part of what is going on here. But remember just how unlikely a "King" Jesus is. Unknown to the great and good; a wanderer or beggar; no dynasty; someone who died what was intended to be a shameful (as well as agonising) death. If this one is "The King"… what then can we say about power, authentic power? I'd say that's a perennially good question.

In our day, there are again plenty of loud voices telling us that all our problems will fall away if we commit to their political colours. Please understand: I'm not passing any comment on any policy or party here. I'm saying it's always good to pause, before we are swept away by slogans and promises, and ask: what kind of power will really save us?

Patrick Morrow

We thought as we don't have a Scout Group in the village anymore that this service should continue therefore a few of us have got together to continue this.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE



HATE WALKING AROUND THE VILLAGE IN COLD DECEMBER WEATHER?

WHY NOT LET US DELIVER YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR YOU?

JUST POP CARDS IN THE SPECIAL 'CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOXES' (ALONG WITH A DONATION IN A SEALED ENVELOPE OR BAG) AND WE WILL DO YOUR DELIVERING!! ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO A LOCAL CHARITY OF OUR CHOOSING
(Ashill Village postal area only!)

REMEMBER: CARDS MUST BE FULLY AND PROPERLY ADDRESSED (we aren't detectives and we don't know everyone in the village)

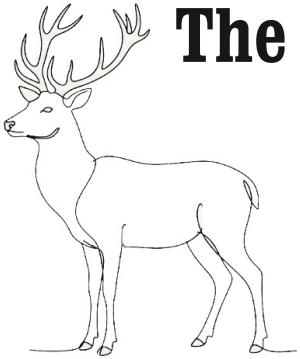
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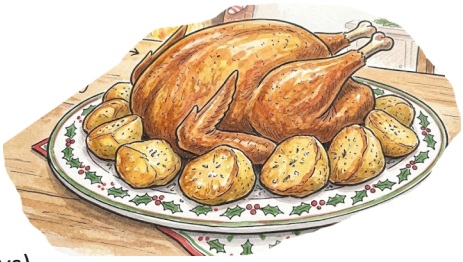
SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support of our service!
Carol Butters



The White Hart

Our kitchen is now back open 6 days a week - Tuesday - Saturday 12 to 2.30pm and 5.30 to 8.30pm
Sunday 12 to 4pm



Our Christmas Menu is now available for booking - available from 28th November - 24th December (except Sundays).
Dates on the horizon -

Christmas Karaoke with DJ Dave - Wednesday 23rd December

New Years Eve Disco with DJ Dave - Thursday 31st December

Also our monthly knitting and crochet evening Knit Happens is going strength to strength - 5pm - 10pm - no need to book, all welcome from beginners to experts... next dates are 16th November and 14th December.

And finally, our monthly Steak Nights are still going strong - always the last Wednesday of the month.

This years poppy appeal runs from 22October through to 11 November and our Ashill House to House volunteers, will call at some point. There will be a poppy desk at Tesco & Lidl on their busy days..

I can answer any queries, as well as provide wreaths or wooden Crosses for those who need them.
my contact number is 07714161760.

Ashill School

Celebrating Harvest at Ashill

Harvest is always a special time of year at Ashill, providing a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our rural heritage, give thanks and strengthen our connections with the local community. This year, our whole school family came together at St Nicholas' Church for a joyful Harvest Festival service.

Through songs, readings and reflections, the children celebrated the importance of farming, the beauty of the natural world and the vital role agriculture continues to play in our village community. It was lovely to welcome families and friends to share in this special occasion.

Our harvest celebrations continued in school, where Hedgehog Class welcomed parents and carers for a fantastic crumble-making workshop. Working together, the children prepared delicious fruit crumbles, developing their cooking skills while enjoying time with their families.
We were particularly proud to contribute 23 portions of homemade crumble to our local Memory Café, sharing a little harvest kindness with members of our wider community.

This marks the beginning of what we hope will become a really special relationship. We are planning opportunities for our children to visit the Memory Café, spending time chatting, playing games and building friendships across the generations. We believe these connections are incredibly valuable, helping children develop kindness, respect and a sense
of belonging while learning from the experiences of others.

At Ashill Primary School, we are proud of our place at the heart of the village. Our Harvest celebrations reminded us that being part of a school family is not just about what happens within our classrooms, but also about the difference we can make together in our wider community. **Dan Pickard. Headteacher**





Ashill, Holme Hale & District Garden Club

Website:
ashillgardeningclub.wordpress.com/
Email:
ashillholmehalegardenclub@gmail.com

Salvias for the 21st Century Garden

Our September meeting welcomed a new speaker to the garden club in Mark Mason from Sudbury. Mark gave a very entertaining, slide free, presentation of the value of salvias in our 21st century gardens. Mark has been involved in horticulture for many decades and his deep knowledge of salvias shone through to the packed audience.

Mark started his presentation discussing where salvias originated (many from, Mexico and South America) and how they became a garden staple over the last 30 years. For a long time most people had thought that salvias were the rather gaudy, small, red plants commonly used in bedding schemes. However, a chance find in Mexico in the 1990's of the 'Hot-lips' variety of salvia, saw the birth and proliferation of modern salvia varieties that populate many of today's gardens. A gentleman called Robin Middleton was responsible for the popularity of the modern salvias seen in UK gardens of today and although now deceased his website can still be visited and is very informative on which species work well in UK gardens ().

Mark showed how to plant and care for salvias and how to propagate them to produce new plants for the following year. While not all salvia are hardy many are and will continue flowering well into autumn, giving months of colour and structure in your garden. Salvias have few pests and grow very well in pots and tubs. They tolerate most types of compost and can be kept in shape by a light trim in Autumn and more major cutting back in Spring, so you get flowers through summer and autumn. Mark talked about the many different varieties and their level of hardiness. After a lively Q&A there was a lot of interest in the plants Mark had brought for sale.



Upcoming Garden Club Events

Our November meeting (26th) is on 'Joseph Banks, Kew & the Plant hunters' by Andrew Sankey. The Club Xmas Party is on December 10th.

All meetings are held at Holme Hale Pavilion and start at 2.30pm. New members from anywhere in the district are always welcome, so come along and improve your gardening knowledge, while enjoying a welcoming environment with like minded colleagues.

Ashill Community Gardens

At time of writing the plants in the barrels are starting to fade. By the time you read this we will be planting the bulbs ready for the spring. I think the barrels looked beautiful this year despite the heatwaves. A big thank you to all the volunteers who watered and dead headed to keep them looking good.

Ruth Day



1st Ashill Brownies

Congratulations and Well Done Poppy!

Back in the spring, Poppy achieved completing a very special award in Brownies. She finished all 6 theme awards and a final challenge. She was given the opportunity to put everything she had learned into practice and did something for herself and her Brownie friends before leaving the unit. You are a star Poppy and will be missed.Sadly both Beavers and Brownies are now closed - nearest groups are in Watton and Swaffham



NEW Guide Unit started in Ashill

Monday evenings from 7:00pm until 8:30pm in Ashill Community Centre, Hale Road, Ashill. IP25 7AX

Girl Guides (ages 10-14) take part in games, outdoor adventures, community projects and skill-building activities in a relaxed, girl-led space.

For more information please contact Becky Yeoman, 07795233912, Unit Leader of 1st Ashill Guides.

If your daughter falls into the above age groups and would like to join our organisation, why not register them on the Girlguiding website, and book an evening to meet the other guides and see what they get up to!

Next Deadline for the Ashlink is 10th December Send content to glen.ashlink@gmail.com

If you spot anything that needs updating in the Ashlink such as email addresses, phone numbers, times can you please email the editor with the necessary changes.

Ashill Norfolk

Some words from the village historians

If you are new to Ashill, you have chosen very wisely. It is a lovely village with a great community. Maybe you have wondered who lived in your house before you. Ashill is a very old village with hundreds of people living here before us. There has been stone age, bronze age, iron age, romans, Anglo Saxons and many, many more. Over the years many objects of great interest have been found in and around this village, including, a Bronze Age Torc (rigid necklace), a horse hoof of pure gold, part of a full-size statue and lots of other items. These can all be viewed in Norwich Castle Museum. You can also see the Hand Axe found behind Dunnett's Close in Watton Museum. This item is around 500,000 thousand years of age. So, you can see we have a lot to thank our ancient ancestors for choosing this area. And best of all some of these items are unique to Ashill.

Any dog owners and walkers amongst you will, I have no doubt, have discovered the Common. There is a small mound of earth which runs for a short distance. The notice board will explain that this was originally a boundary, called Devils Dyke, a Linnear Ditch. There are 5 of these in Norfolk and Ashill has 1 of them. If you continue your walk further along Dunnett's you will come to the place that is called Robin Hoods Garden an archaeological site historically identified as a Roman camp or villa location. This is the area that the wells were found in. Of those that were discovered the one that stands out was about 40 foot deep, lined with wood and layered with hazel and birch leaves. Amongst these leaves was found all the other items.

The tribe in this area was the Iceni, whose Queen was Boadica. There was an Iceni mint producing coins thought to be in the area of the fields by Pages Lane. These coins were quite distinct because of the horse. It seems to have been their favourite symbol for coins. This feisty lady nearly put paid to the Roman rule, and their rule was saved by a forced march from the west to deal with her. Unfortunately, this seems to be where she met her demise, and no one is sure where she was buried.

I do so hope that this has sparked your interest in the village and all of its long and fascinating history. If you would like to find out more come along to the Local History Group, we would love to meet you and maybe interest you to join us on our exploration into the past. We meet every Monday morning in the Call-in from 10-12. You will find a very warm welcome along with tea, coffee, and plenty of shared stories. There are computer files to view and if you are not a computer buff, we have all the files for you to look at.

Hopefully, we will be seeing you soon.

Phyllis

ASHILL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR ASHLINK

HIGHLIGHTS OF MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

HIGHWAYS – Problems raised during last two months will be discussed with Highways Engineer when he visits in October.

DOG WASTE – The new bin will be in place at entrance to Acacia Avenue shortly.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Annual ROSPA inspection carried out and medium risk problems will be dealt with first and painting of all equipment will be carried out in Spring. The ZIPWIRE continues to be a problem as no one can get any information on what has happened to installers and Clerk finding it difficult to get quotes for adjusting this.

COMMUNITY CENTRE – The Fete had raised approx. £2056 which is to help with refurbishment of Centre. Thanks expressed to all who helped. Information had been received that the St John Ambulance unit held at Ashill is to be disbanded which is most disappointing as so many children had benefited from being part of this organisation.

LIGHTING FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE – This is in process of being installed and should be an asset to those attending the Hall.

SPEEDWATCH – Mr Street reported that the Safety Camera Team had attended a joint session which had proved very successful and they wold like to carry this out again as Ashill is particularly good as the two sites can be a good distance apart.

HIGH GROVE SOLAR – Mr George Freeman had organised a Summit meeting which had been attended by Mrs Racher and proved to be very informative and there should be a meeting in next few months with RWE.

LOCAL PLAN - The Consultation on Regulation 19 has now closed and will go forward for Government approval. It includes 3 main development areas in Ashill – one is the additional site at The Willows Hale Road, one adjoining Greenacre Close east of Dunnetts Close and another to rear of bungalows in Hale Road.

ALLOTMENTS – New taps had been fitted and rents to be collected in October. It was agreed that rents would increase o £45-00 per plot from October 2027.

ASHLINK – It is hoped that this will be sponsored until April 2027 and it has been agreed that a figure will be included in next Budget to add to Precept for then onwards.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Mr Scott Hussey attended the September meeting apologising for not attending sooner.

He gave information on his background and that he is Cabinet member for Adult Social Care which takes 1/3rd of County Budget.

He went on to advise that the latest Government ‘U Turn’ on LGR means that

Norfolk has been pulled from the scheme.
He said that they are awaiting news on the use of Barnham RAF former base for Asylum Seekers which should be known in December.
He then took questions from the Public which included;- the use of Wretham Camp for Asylum Seekers, the unreasonable bus fares for students, the ownership of hedge and trees on Woodlands and the 'Slow Down' sign that is in Parish. He advised that he would look into all these items and AK thanked him for his attendance and hoped we would see him again soon.
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - Mr Eagle attended both meetings. He pointed out that as he is no longer a County Councillor he would be unable to assist with Partnership Funding in the future. He spoke about The Woodland hedge and trees being responsibility of owners and the lack of Enforcement on the Hale Road development. He confirmed that the Community Fund Grant is now being awarded fully rather than having to be matched and also that Breckland are now funding 2 extra Police Officers for patrolling areas.
Following the long dry spell and recent wild fires has prompted many villages to embark on an Emergency Plan and he suggested that future Planning Applications include hedging rather than fencing. AK thanked him for attending.
PUBLIC -Question raised regarding the village pond and what was to happen now. AK explained that the GoFund money raised had reached £2500 and thanked everyone for their support. This money has been kept separately by Trustees solely for the pond work. Mr P Shepherd is organising further working parties and thanks were expressed for this.
It was confirmed that RL was appointed as representative of Parish Council on Trustees.
It was also agreed that the Former Surveyors Land in Cressingham Road be re-let to Mr Ketteringham there being no other applicants.
ACCOUNTS – The Clerk advised that the External Audit had been completed successfully with no queries and signed off.
PROJECTS
LYCH GATE – One quote had been received for work and this was accepted.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS
It is with much regret that Council received letter of resignation from Mr Andy Thomas before the September meeting. Letter of thanks sent for all his hard work during his time as Councillor. Await information from Breckland Council on way forward to fill vacancy.

Mr Alan Ketteringham – Chair- 07733420588
Mr Richard Leighton –Vice-Chair – 07827225370
Mrs Andrea Binns – 07597631821 Mr Ashley Howell – 07398165339
Mr Kwadwo Kissiedu – 07825717068 Mr John Leggett – 07743741089
Mrs Jenny Lusher – 07714768471 Mrs Amanda Shepherd – 07799683930
CLERK/FINANCIAL OFFICER - 01760440383
Email:

FULL MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON WEBSITE :
ashillparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Next MEETINGS are 27th OCTOBER and 24th NOVEMBER. No meeting in December.

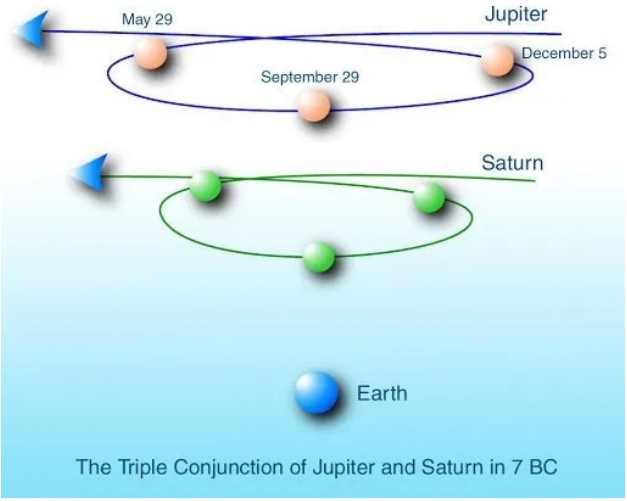
All Parish Councill minutes etc can be found online at https://ashillparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/ as well as lots of extra community information
The Ashlink is also published online at https://www.ashlink.co.uk/

The Star of Bethlehem

he star of Bethlehem has often been a puzzle to many people. The star was followed by the Magi, to the birthplace of Jesus at Bethlehem. The term Magi refers to ancient Persian priests, who studied the
Stars and conducted rituals in the Zoroastrian religion. The bible doesn't call the "Three Kings" kings and the number of people involved is not specified. It only appears in Matthew.
To undertake a long journey to Jesus' birthplace their studies of the sky must have found a fairly stupendous phenomenum to make them make the trip.
Whatever it was must have been in the western sky and by definition would not have moved in concert with the people themselves.
The scientific consensus is that the star is a symbolic or theological narrative rather than a scientific fact. There a number of natural phenomena which could have been the cause.
Planetary Conjunctions
When planets, especially Jupiter and Saturn, come close to each other in the night

sky they can produce a very distinctive bright object.
In 7BC there was a triple conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. That is when the planets come together three times in a short time due to their retrograde motion in the observations from Earth.

There was also a conjunctions of planets in early 3-2BC, but are less prominent in the sky.



The Triple Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 7 BC

Comet or Nova
Chinese and Korean astronomers saw an object which could have been a comet (or a nova, an explosion on a star) that appeared in 5BC. It remained 'virtually stationary' for 70 days.
Also Halley's comet appearance in 12BC is also a candidate.
The main problem with a comet as the Star of Bethlehem is that they are generally regarded as bad omens.
Supernova
There was a massive supernova explosion in February 4BC in the constellation of Aquila, this would have been a big event at the time. The phenomenum would have persisted for a period of time. The position of the supernova has now got the Hulse Taylor pulsar where the star used to be.

I feel that the triple conjunction would probably fit the bill most closely.
Albert Day



SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30am COFFEE AND CHAT

10am MODERN CHURCH SERVICE WITH WORSHIP BAND INCLUDING KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY EVENINGS monthly

FIRST SUNDAY CLOSER | 6pm | An hour of uninterrupted worship

SECOND SUNDAY HIGHER | 6pm | An hour of prayer

FOURTH SUNDAY DEEPER | 4pm | Bible Study & discussion with video

IN THE WEEK... All welcome, just turn up

TUESDAYS OPEN HOME GROUP | 1:30pm | Bible study and coffee

THURSDAYS NOAH'S ARK BABY & TODDLER GROUP | 10am
Closed during school holidays

SATURDAYS monthly FREE, All welcome, just turn up

FIRST SATURDAY KIDZ KLUB | 10am | Fun for Primary aged children

SECOND SATURDAY GOOD COMPANIONS | 2:30pm | Afternoon tea & entertainment for our more senior citizens

LOCATION The Well, Swaffham Road, Ashill, IP25 7BT

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Ashill Harmony Choir

Local Events • Great Music • All Welcome



1 St Mary's Church, Houghton

27 September 2026

Completed

The choir's performance at the thanksgiving service.

Upcoming Performances



2 Good Companions

Fountain of Life Church, Ashill

6 December 2026

Ashill Harmony Choir have been invited to sing again at the church for the Good Companions meeting.

Music, quizzes, afternoon tea and cakes.



3 Great Cressingham Church

Carols by Candlelight

10 December 2026 • 6:30 pm

A mix of festive songs & Carols.

Come and enjoy an evening of music and festive cheer!

Swaffham & District u3a

On October 1st we listened to a heart-felt presentation by someone who has experienced the healing space that Nelson's Journey gives to bereaved children.

Since 1997, Nelson's Journey has been supporting children and young people in Norfolk with their bereavement needs, helping them to understand and cope with their feelings. It is not only the death of a parent but any loved one, such as a grandparent or close friend that could mean a child needs support. The charity also supports professionals in the county who work with children, such as teachers and health workers, to help raise awareness of issues affecting bereaved children.

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at Waitrose?

On 5th November Lee Weller from Swaffham Waitrose will be talking to us about how they keep their show on the road, giving us an insight into the goings-on behind the shop front at Waitrose.

Ever wondered how they never seem to run out of essentials (like Almond Croissants for example!), anticipate BBQ weather, stock up for Christmas and keep their staff forever cheerful and helpful? As card carrying members, many of us would like to know how they manage the logistics as well as the front of house we see.

The monthly meetings afford an opportunity for members to join together, have a cup of tea/coffee and socialise before being entertained by excellent speakers. Members can join one of over thirty groups on offer such as Archery, Music appreciation, both classical and rock, French, and Walking. See the website for more information.

Anyone is welcome to join the u3a. The only criterion to join is that you are no longer in full-time employment and have the time to take part in the activities on offer. We meet at Holme Hale Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Doors open at 9.45am for socialising and the meeting starts promptly at 10.30am finishing by 12 noon. Further details on all the activities covered by Swaffham & District u3a are available on our website:***https://swaffham.u3asite.uk/***

Village Services

Breckland Dog Training	07795 466007
Breckland Gundog training	07795 466007
Abbey Boilers	Chris Field 01760 440364, 07469 762435
Ashill food and Wine	Village store on Hale Road, open 7am to 8pm
	01760 440932 ashillshop@gmail.com
White Hart	Excellent hostelry, https://ashillwhitehart.co.uk/
	email whitehartashill@hotmail.com 01760 305922
Angela O Sullivan	Spruced up Stuff; Upcycling 07808 857763
Anna Yeomans	Beauty treatments 07824 882 049
	www.treatmentsbyanna.co.uk
Ashill Fruit Farm	Fruit in season, apple juices, farm produce
	01760 440 050Open Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm
	Saturday 10am to 2pm Closed Sunday Monday
John Leggett	Garden Services 01760 440733
Norfolk Arborist	Tree Surgery 01760 724270, 07917 207781
J Dack Electrics	Electrician - 07739514060
Fitness Pilates	Thursday mornings 10:30 - 11:30am
	Ashill Community Centre Linda on - 07759 886777

Elizabeth Grace Jewellery. Sterling silver jewellery . Online store
www.elizabethgracejewellery.store
www.facebook.com Elizabethgracejewellery

Leanne Holmes – LH Equine Services 07920011628 Leanne@lheguineservices.co.uk

Infinite Aesthetics non-surgical aesthetic procedures 0774 1270359
i infiniteaesthetics@icloud.com

Peddars View Turkeys and Lamb. Whole or halves supplied to order . Prepared ready for the freezer. Fresh from the farm in Ashill. A Ketteringham. Telephone 01953 885603. Mobile 0773 3420588

Farleigh Electrical Services. Fully qualified electrician based in Ashill. Fully insured and NICEIC registered. Contact Brian Dorton on 07944 161725.

Tanks Uk Limited 01953 889231 Supplier of water tanks , oil tanks, fuel tanks, bunded tanks. Water bowsers

HG Services Grounds Maintenance 0749 3716801 henry.hgservices@gmail.com

J.Walker Electrical Services 01760 441541 07928016562

`First Steps Pre-School, Ofsted Registered Early Years provider, 01760 447444, https://firststepsashill.co.uk/

Conor Wakelen Construction 07494461473 conorwakelenpm@gmail.com
All aspects of building/carpentry/landscaping/groundworks. Trustworthy local company.

Kerry Hebdon, CPsychol, AFBPsS, Chartered Counselling Psychologist. bespoke, therapeutic intervention 07918 556235 for further information.

Ashill Community Centre

Weekly Activities

Badminton Club	Every Monday 4.30 - 5.30pm
1st Ashill Brownies	Every Monday (term time only) 6.30 - 8.00pm
St. John Ambulance	St. John Ambulance Every Tuesday 5:30pm - 8:15pm Contact Pat Grout Group Lead 07899 942192
Badgers & Cadets	Jean Rockett-Woods Youth Leader 07749 870485
Ashill Fete Co-ordinator	
Badminton Club	Every Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00pm
Ashill Parish Council Committee Meetings -	Every 4th Tuesday of the month contact Jean Sangster Parish Clerk 01760 440383 7.00 - 9.30pm
Zumba	Every Tuesday (contact Lou Dixon07866534087)11.30 - 12.30pm
Golden Link Club	Thursdays, fortnightly Please contact Dee Bolton 01760 441622 or Sue Cloud 01760 441110
Ashill Harmony Choir	Every Thursday Contact Sue Cloud 07880 508930 Suecloud42@hotmail.com
Pilates Class	Every Thursday (contact Linda Mellor 07759 886777) 10.30 - 11.30am
Pickleball.	Thursday Contact Elaine Pegley 07734 111370 Sandra Voyse 07954 823486
Coffee Mornings	Second Friday every month ie. Dec' 13th, Jan 10th 10.00 - 12 noon
Mussel Bay Racing Slot Cars-	Every Friday Adults only 7.30 - 10.30pm (contact Paul Edmunds 01485 540967 or James Cliff 07867 515063)
Ashill Memory cafe.	Every Wednesday from 10.30-12. For further information contact Gill on 07548626337. From Feb 2027 on 1st Wednesday of the month, no normal meeting but Quiz from 1.30-3.30.

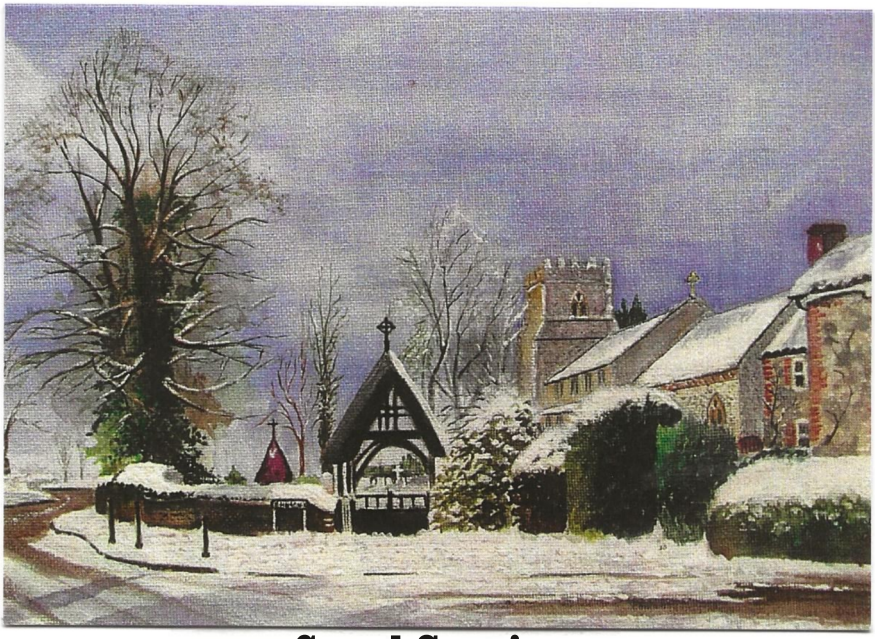
Ashill Community Centre Committee

Chair	Keith Collins	01760 441196
Vice Chair	Roger Bolton	07739358180
Treasurer	Cath Ready	075495 393619
Secretary	Megan Colley	07724 849225
Lettings Officer	Anne Beckett	07768 350968
Parish Representative	Andrea Binns	07597631821.
Pre Xmas Fair organiser	Dee Bolton	07926 917409

Email: ***ashillcommunitycent@gmail.com***

St Nicholas Church

Ashill



Carol Service

20th December at 4.00pm

Followed by

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine!

