

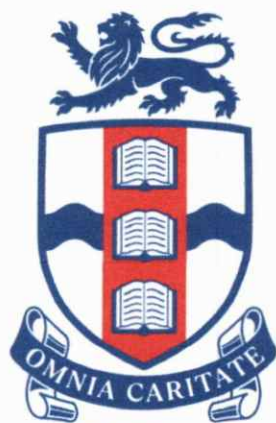
Cheam School is committed to having a positive impact on the local community and frequently works hand-in-hand with both the local Parish Council and residents to ensure this is done collaboratively.

Currently, the School helps maintain grounds at the Headley Community Shop and Village Post Office, as well as the Village Hall, and most recently donated funds towards new Parish noticeboards for the local community. This follows the donation of a white line marking machine and part-funding of a set of football goals during the summer of 2023. Cheam has maintained a monthly donation to the local parish church at Ashford Hill for several years.

More widely, the local primary school in Kingsclere benefits from the services of Cheam's music department, and local clubs, sports teams and community groups also benefit from using the School's facilities, usually at significantly discounted rates. When the Newbury Netball League needed a new home for their fixtures, Cheam stepped in and offered its first-class all-weather pitches. This has flourished into a local partnership of mutual benefit.

Lastly, Cheam recently submitted a planning application proposing a new access off the A339 which aims to improve pupil and traffic safety and ease local congestion. Together with the introduction of a morning minibus service that has helped reduce the number of cars, both measures should also have a positive impact on the environment too.

Cheam is proud of its contribution to a vibrant and connected local community and wishes to thank you all, sincerely, for your ongoing support and collaboration.



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ASHFORD HILL VILLAGE HALL

As Trustees of the Ashford Hill Village Hall our responsibility is to provide a hall for the use of the residents of the Parish. The Scheme is held in trust by the Charity Commission with the Parish Council being custodian trustee.

The hall is used on a regular basis by the following organisations

Parish Council Meeting (Monday evening every other month)

Upholstery classes (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Art Group (Friday Morning)

Gardening Club (Wednesday evening once a month)

Tap Dancing Class (Tuesday evening)

Yoga Classes (Monday morning and Thursday evening)

Table tennis (This is seasonal and matches are usually played from October – March. These can be played on Wednesday or Thursday evening depending on dates)

One off events such as parties, sales, quiz nights etc can be booked if dates available.

The Secretary can be contacted to discuss bookings and availability.

Various elections – local and government are held.

All events are subject to Terms and Conditions.

During the year various maintenance and repairs have been carried out.

A new gate post has been installed as the old one was found to be rotten.

The Electrics have been checked. Fire extinguishers are checked annually.

The Smoke alarms have also been connected to the mains electric.

A Defibrillator has been installed on outer wall of the hall.

A Soldier Silhouette has been installed on the front wall.

Jenny Maylen

Secretary Ashford Hill Village Hall Committee

Ashford Hill with Headley Garden Club 2024-25

The club continues to meet in the Ashford Hill Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month for talks from gardening experts and for discussion meetings and social events. The decline in membership that we have experienced in recent years seems to have stopped and there has been a small, but welcome, increase in numbers that are now at 24. Attendance at meetings has also improved. Finances are still tight, but at the last Annual General Meeting of the club, members voted to increase the annual subscription to £35 to help alleviate the financial situation.

This year we have talks on planning for spring, soil husbandry, growing vegetables in small gardens, science in the garden, easy plants for difficult places, and planting for Autumn. We will also organize a summer party at the garden of one of our members.

Ian Rowland

Chairman

Shipinnarts is based at The Ship Inn Country Hotel, Ashford Hill. We are primarily there to encourage music and the arts.

In 2024 we held a number of events throughout the year, [Olde Tyme Music Evening with Kingsclere Singers and Kingsclere Players](#), Puppets with Jo, Shanty Evening with Jon Whitfield and fellow musicians, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs pantomime, Life is a Cabaret with Belle Canto and the Festival of Light (a craft making workshop all related to light in the darkness) with recorders and flute playing to us all.

This year we have decided on occasional events, we have found that immersive events work better with the floor layout. It also opens up more possibilities for people to book The Ship for workshops/activities/concerts. Please see our website <https://shipinnarts.org/> for events for this year. You can find the link to order tickets via Eventbrite. You will also find our Facebook link on there.

The Ship

The Ship is open for anyone to book a music/arts/workshop/exhibition event of their own. Seating is around 25, so a smaller venue. Please ring Georgi Selby on: 01189 814504 or email: ginaselby@hotmail.com

Also we have the facility to have a recording studio at The Ship for anyone who would like to do professional recordings of their performances. jamie@howell.co.uk (0777 989 3767) will organize this for you.

Open mics have ceased at The Ship and continued to be run locally by Jon Whitfield at other venues. Please contact shipinnarts@gmail.com if you are interested in coming to an Open Mic, we will pass this Information to Jon.

Alison Pickering runs Recorder Choir at 7.30pm Friday evenings – all held at The Ship – her dream is to build a complete Recorder choir. Please contact alisonpickering30@gmail.com if you are interested to come along, it is £5 and great fun too! Alison also runs a Flautissimo II for any Flautists who would be interested to play in a group, please email us if interested.

The Ship also hosts the London College of Music exams 3 times a year, we have been running for over 2 years - it is a popular flourishing centre for Newbury and Basingstoke and we had our largest session so far this Spring. Candidates find it a welcoming centre and want to return year after year. Music Theatre, Pop Vocals, Classical singing, Piano, Classical guitar and Recorder so far have been taken there. A special floor is put down for the Theatrical performances and a stage piano provided, we have two warm up rooms with a digital piano in each and a baby grand piano.