

news in brief

Ashford's Christmas Extravaganza

Ashford on the Map Christmas Market will be taking place this year on **Wednesday 2 December in the multi storey Car Park, Church Road from 5pm**. There will be stalls, mulled wine and hot refreshments plus fairground rides and raffles. Father Christmas will be visiting the market with gifts for the children.

Free Park and Ride

With help from Surrey County Council we are offering a **free park and ride scheme in the run-up to Christmas. It will operate every twenty minutes from 8.30am - 6.30pm, each Saturday from 28 November - 19 December**. The coaches will run in both directions from the Council Offices (Knowle Green) to Staines Train Station, to Staines Bus Station (Elmsleigh Centre) and Two Rivers Retail Park.

Support for the disabled

The North West Surrey Association for Disabled People runs a free and confidential advocacy service for people with physical disabilities, in Spelthorne, Runnymede and Elmbridge. For more information contact Robert Boyle on **07751 040349 / 01483 750973** or e-mail robert@nwsadp.org.uk

Big Band Concert

Band Substance are in concert at St Hilda's Church, Ashford on **Sunday 24 January at 8.15pm** with singer Philippa Stuart. Tickets £10 in advance from Canaan Bookshop, 121 High Street, Staines, **01784 457194** or St. Saviour's Bookshop, 1b Staines Road West, Sunbury, **01932 782800** or £12 on the door. All profits go to Help for Heroes.

Bring ID to the tip

When you use the recycling centre (tip) at Charlton Lane, Shepperton, TW17 8QA you maybe asked for proof that you are a Surrey resident. **Please remember to bring one of the following: driver's licence, Council Tax bill or utility bill**. For more details visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/residentscheme

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Calendar of Meetings

Performance Management and Review Committee

1 December 2009, 2 March 2010 at 7.30pm

Standards Committee

3 December 2009, 16 March 2010 at 7.30pm

Cabinet

8 December 2009, 19 January, 16 February, 30 March 2010 at 5pm

Planning Committee

9 December 2009, 6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 31 March 2010 at 7pm

Audit Committee

14 December 2009, 25 March at 7.30pm

Licensing Committee

16 December 2009, 20 January, 17 February, 17 March 2010 at 7.30pm*

Council

17 December 2009, 25 February 2010 at 7.30pm

Improvement and Development Committee

14 January 2010 at 7.30pm

 Details on how to speak at the meetings are at www.spelthorne.gov.uk/public_participation or call Customer Services on **01784 451499** or e-mail customer.services@spelthorne.gov.uk

* These Licensing Committee meetings, times and dates are provisional at this stage. Please telephone Trevor Baker on 01784 446267 one week before the date quoted, for confirmation.

Help at the touch of a button

Anyone of any age can use SPAN (Spelthorne Personal Alarm Network), especially if you live alone, feel vulnerable, are disabled or have been the victim of crime. Our alarm will give you the reassurance you need without having to reach your phone.

SPAN gives you help at the touch of a button and many people tell us that it helps them to live life independently.

 Call the SPAN team on **01784 444277** or e-mail span@spelthorne.gov.uk



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