



# Ashtead Independents

Keep national party politics out of local government

## **David Howell**

9th May 2012by Richard Brooke

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Howell yesterday afternoon. He served Ashtead with distinction for all of his adult life and will be greatly missed.

Our condolences go out to his family



David Howell 1948 -2012

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## **New leadership for the Independents**

9th May 2012by Richard Brooke

Following the election the Ashtead Independents have chosen Simon Ling as their new Leader in place of David Howell, with John Northcott as Deputy Leader. Simon Ling will also be Leader of the informal Independent group in the Council.

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## **More School Places for Ashtead**

1st May 2012by Chris Townsend

Both West Ashtead and Greville Primary schools are to have an extra reception class of 30 from September this year. This takes account of the many new families now resident in Ashtead. Other districts and boroughs have serious school place problems across Surrey. Your County Councillor, Chris Townsend, has been instrumental in getting potential 'planning tariff' funding from the Parsons Mead development to allow these extra places for Ashtead children. He is looking at other ways to improve our local schools with the Surrey Education officers.