
Comment: There is an important election in May, not on the 7th but on the 5th. The Hall AGM is your chance to elect officers and Trustees to run and care for the property that belongs to the community. Come along and make your views known or stand election to help safeguard a valuable asset.

Newsletter: Contributions for the next Newsletter by Saturday 25th April please ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

4th April – Easter Egg Hunt, 2pm on the Village Green

4th April – Musical Feast Evening

7th April – Photo Group, 7.30pm

8th April – Parish Council Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm

13th Horticultural Group, 7pm

18th April – Spring Fayre, 11.30am – 3.00pm

25th April – Quiz Evening, 7pm for 7.30pm

Advance Notice

5th May Hall AGM 7.30pm

7th May General Election

Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries
Tel: 01409 211213
Email: Bob.griggs1@btopenworld.com

Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)
Hours: Mon – Frid: 8.30am to 5.00pm
Saturday: 8.30am to Noon
Sunday: 9am to 12 Noon

Post Office
Hours: Mon – Frid: 9.00am to 4.30pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed
Telephone: 01409 211192

PARISH HALL

The 5th anniversary celebrations raised over £400 towards the new extension, thanks to all who attended, contributed and helped with preparations and on the day.

The extension will provide a multi-use area, primarily designed to solve the perennial storage problems that are required to house the range of equipment needed to cater for the wide and varied use of the hall.

The planning consent has been granted and this summer will see a number of fund raising activities designed to complement the search for grant sources that will be needed to help raise the necessary finances.

The first of these will be run in conjunction with the shop committee on 25th April 2015, detailed below:

QUIZ EVENING – APRIL 25TH, 7pm FOR 7.30pm START

£5 per person or a team of six for £30. If you do not have a full team arrangements can be made on the night. The price includes a bottle of wine per table and nibbles.

There will be a raffle with prizes including a hamper donated by the shop loaded with lovely items. There is no need to wait to buy a raffle ticket as these will be on sale in the shop from 1st April where you can also view the hamper.

To book a place pop into the shop and see John or the volunteers or simply call Bob Griggs on 01409 211213, email: Bob.Griggs1@btopenworld.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5TH MAY 2015, 7.30pm

The Hall Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th May 2015.

Agenda

1. Minutes of Annual general Meeting 2014
2. Matters Arising
3. Treasurer's Report – Presentation of Accounts
4. Chairman's Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Any Other Business at Discretion of the Chair

Nominations for officers must be proposed and seconded.

I Buxton will not seek re-election as Hall Secretary and proposes to concentrate on fund raising for the extension.

R Griggs will not seek re-election as Bookings Secretary and proposes to stand again as Treasurer.

Everyone in the Parish is welcome to attend the meeting.

ASHWATER SHOP

SHOP TALK from Sue & Yvonne

Spring is in the air, trees are in leaf, flowers are in bloom and the Shop is sprouting lots of new ideas! March has seen several new lines being introduced into the shop, either due to John's research and talking to suppliers and/or conversations and recommendations he's had with customers.

We've had a great response to everything especially the following: new range of meats, in particular the "chicken cushions" and roast joints*; pies and scotch eggs*; larger fresh bread and cake deliveries; magazines – a much better variety of woman's, gardening and local interest**; Free From products; and flowers - more planned for the Easter weekend.

John is currently planning more introductions over the next few months, which will be promoted on Tasting Afternoons, currently planned for the last Friday afternoon of the month - starting on Friday 24th April at 2pm. This slot may change if there is a preferred time for everyone, please let us know.

We've produced a trial Leaflet aimed at the Holiday Lets and visitors. The plan is to get this out and about now and raise sponsorship for professional printing - please pick-up a leaflet from the Shop, they will be there Easter weekend onwards and distribute - your help is greatly appreciated.

Finally Ashwater Parish Hall and Ashwater Community Shop are delighted to announce our joint WINE & WISDOM QUIZ evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th April 7-7.30pm.

Find out more and buy tickets, £5 each, from the Shop, or call Bob on 01409 211 213 and/or Email Bob.Griggs1@bopenworld.com (table of 6 includes a bottle of wine).

The planned format of the quiz is nine rounds of 10 questions plus a 20 question picture round.

And there will be a Raffle - including a Hamper donated by the shop with lots of lovely items. View the Hamper and purchase raffle tickets in the shop from Wednesday 1st April.

Promises to be a great night, hope to see you there.

*At the moment there is 1 weekly delivery - talk to John about what's in his current order to reserve items and/or place a regular order.

**John can order ANY magazine - just talk to him, this can be a one-off order or a regular thing.

Sue & Yvonne
Shop Joint-Chair

SHOP - EASTER OPENING HOURS

The shop will open between 8.30am and 10.30am on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.
Saturday: Normal hours 8.30am – 12Noon. The Post Office will close on Thursday 2nd April at 4.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 7th April at 9am.

SPRING FAYRE – 18TH APRIL

A Spring Fayre will be held between 11.30am and 3pm in the Parish Hall on Saturday 18th April in the Parish Hall. All proceeds to Launceston & District Cats Protection. There will be a Craft Stall, Good Quality Bric-a-brac, Cats Protection Goods, Plants, Tombola, Books/Jigsaws, Animal Safari Tombola plus various other stalls. Hot, home-made pasties, cakes, teas and coffees served and a BUMPER RAFFLE. Admission by donation into a box by the door.

YOGA

Please note the new term will start on Wednesday 15th April 2015. Ring Penny Steventon on 07850 247005 for more details and booking.

BADMINTON – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Badminton continues on Wednesday evenings in the hall at 8pm and every other week on Thursday Mornings at 10am. Come along for a fun game.

ART GROUP

The Art Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm– everyone including beginners are welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

The photographic group meeting is on 7th April but normally once a month the first Monday at 7.30pm – new members always welcome.

ASHWATER HORTICUTLURAL SOCIETY

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 7.00PM ASHWATER PARISH HALL

Bring along your wire hanging baskets and decorate them with coloured willow, which will be provided. Enjoy an informal gardeners questions – your chance to improve your knowledge but also to share what you know.

Swap those surplus seeds to add some variety to your garden.

To make sure that we provide enough willow please confirm your attendance to

Louise Webber, Secretary

webber_louise@hotmail.com

01409 221466

PARISH COUNCIL

There are still vacancies to stand for parish council. Anyone interested should contact any of the parish councillors. Nomination forms need to be submitted by 9 April.

The next meeting is the AGM on 8th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER – FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2015

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2015 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £20,000 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

DOGS TRUST

The Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre at Ifracombe offers a Canine Care Scheme, which is a FREE service for dog-owners.

People who do not have friends or relations who can take care of their dog after their lifetime, Dogs Trust can help. In the event of the owner's death, the trust promises to look after the dog indefinitely, providing them with all the care needed until a further responsible loving new home can be found.

More details are available by calling Claire Joselin on 10271 817 716 or email Claire.joselin@dogstrust.org.uk
There are a few leaflets in Ashwater Shop with additional information.

ADVERT

Join the Revolution!

We are a local postal service operating from Brandis Corner, five miles outside of Holsworthy. Collections (EX20, 21, 22 & 23 postcodes) are made daily from local businesses, with delivery the same or next day to their customers. Geared towards business traffic, Postees offers same or next day delivery of letters and packages for a delivery charge at least 10% less than its competitors. We offer credit facilities – so use the service before you pay for it!

Postees runs alongside BAC Couriers, a delivery service for over 100 online shopping outlets such as Next, Amazon, Dorothy Perkins, Cotton Traders and many more well known brands. They currently deliver up to 6,000 parcels per week to an area stretching from Week St Mary to Whiddon Down, Tavistock to Torrington. Both businesses are looking to expand into Exeter, then Barnstaple.

Postees / BAC Director Mike Clark said: "This is an opportunity for people to both save money and support local enterprise. Currently we have created 12 jobs and believe with local support this could build to over thirty within 12 months. As we succeed and grow further we will in turn, support local charities and worthwhile causes".

For further information – or to explore the possibility of working for us – please contact Mike, Jane Drummond or John Ody on 01409 231106.

PS – We can even hire you a bouncy castle with Jump On Us via 07814 442667!



- Your local Hermes delivery agent in the EX19, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 38 postcode area
- Drivers always required for local delivery work
- Contact us on 01409 231106



Postees Mail Services

- Delivering postal services for local businesses offering safe storage, pick, pack & dispatch for would be eBay entrepreneurs and local businesses.
- Contact us on 01409 231106 for more detail.

Advertising in the Newsletter

Small adverts cost £10 per issue and help to cover the cost of paper and printing, which are otherwise donated or paid from parish council funds raised through the local precept.

Distribution of Newsletters

My thanks to those who provide articles for and distribute the newsletters. If you know of anybody who did not receive a copy please let me know: copies will always be available at the Village Shop, Parish Hall and in the Village Inn. Any information for inclusion in or offers to help please contact Ivan Buxton on 01409 221073, e-mail ibuxton16@btinternet.com. Don't forget to visit the Ashwater Website www.ashwaterparish.org.uk