

**PARISH HALL**

**Ashwater Ceilidh – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

(Scottish Barn Dance)

In the Parish Hall Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Featuring Christine March and Celebrations Ceilidh Band. Dress Casual – Kilt optional – Come and dance or just listen.

In aid of the Parish Hall extension – Raffle in aid of Ashwater PTFA

Tickets: Pre-pay £6.50 to include Pasty and Pudding £7.50 on the door. Available from the Ashwater Village Shop.

**Comment:** This month there are several appeals for help in one form or another as well as a number of events to support. The newsletter will always try to include your special occasions just send details in good time please.

**Newsletter:** Contributions for the next Newsletter by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May please.  
[ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

**Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)**

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Dancing Class, 7.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> May – Art Group, 1pm

5<sup>th</sup> May – Polling Day, PCC Election

5<sup>th</sup> May – Pub Lunch, Village Inn

6<sup>th</sup> May, Steel Band Practice, 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> May- Ceilidh, 7.00pm

9<sup>th</sup> May – Dancing Class, 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> May – Art Group, 1pm

10<sup>th</sup> May – Hall AGM, 7.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> May-Parish Council AGM and Monthly Meeting, 7.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> May - Camera Club 7.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> May, Art Group, 1pm

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Dance Class, 7pm

24<sup>th</sup> May -Art Group, 1pm

31<sup>st</sup> May – Art Group, 1pm

31<sup>st</sup> May – Steel Band Practice, 6pm

**Advance Notice**

16<sup>th</sup> June, Ladies Skittles – Agnes Gill Memorial Cup

**Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**  
 Email: [avsalttd@gmail.com](mailto:avsalttd@gmail.com)

**Hall Secretary:** Tel 01409 221073

**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 4.00pm  
 Saturday: Closed  
 Sunday: Closed  
 Telephone: 01409 211192



**Hall Annual General Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm.**

Come along for some wine and nibbles as the Trustees present the annual report and accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Don't forget to nominate anyone interested and willing to stand as a Trustee – the box is in the hall.

Hall Bookings: Pending new contact arrangements that will be published after the AGM please email: [avsalttd@gmail.com](mailto:avsalttd@gmail.com)

**Choir Event** – this was successfully held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and raised over £350, some of which will be used to stock the bar for the Ceilidh as any proceeds from that event will also go towards the much needed hall extension. Many thanks to all who attended and the following who helped or donated towards a well attended evening: Lin Jennings, Sue Shute, Joy Renshaw, Lyn Vallance, Steve, Michelle and Jess Warring, Tim Luxton, Andrew Stacey, Margaret Benjafield, Marjory Jones, Roy Graham, John Forward, Diane Buxton, Fiona Bull and Letitia Yetman – not forgetting The Launceston Male Voice Choir, Arscott Ladies Choir and our soloist Liz Graham.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Mary Gliddon has been a parish councillor for more than 30 years and for the last two years has been chair of the parish council. Unfortunately for personal reasons Mary has decided to resign from the parish council. The parish council would like to thank Mary for all the hard work that she has undertaken for the community of Ashwater during the time that she was a parish councillor. She has been a great asset to the parish council.

There is a vacancy to stand on the parish council. Anyone interested should write or email the clerk (Sheila Myers – Wilena, Lower Middle Hill Lane, Pensilva, Cornwall PL14 5QS – [parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk)). Applications should be forwarded by the 11 May 2016. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 7.30pm followed by the monthly parish council meeting



### Join the Shop Volunteer Team:

As reported in previous editions of Shop Talk, the Shop is doing really well. We've increased our number of lovely loyal customers and steadily upped our daily, weekly, monthly sales figures. At this very moment Treasurer Liz is busy doing our end of year Accounts – fingers crossed it's been a good year!

All very exciting and one of the reasons we're in this positive situation is our great team of volunteers – all the work they do front-of-shop and behind the scenes. Thank you so much everyone, you are all brilliant, we really could not run the Shop without you.

We'd love more people to join the Volunteer Team.

As well as helping John in the Shop for the odd hour or two this is a great way to meet people and keep up with what's happening in the village.

Volunteer tasks that might be of interest, taking 1 HOUR:

Stacking shelves with new stock  
Bagging-up the Bread & Cake Delivery from *Endacotts*  
Sorting unsold Papers/Magazines – for return to *Smiths News*  
Cleaning shelves/ensuring stock is "front facing"

Volunteer tasks taking a bit longer, probably about 2 HOURS:

Serving behind the counter  
Tidying-up outside the shop + restocking logs etc. from the storage shed  
Putting stock onto the "system"

If you fancy helping behind the counter but are a little nervous about working the till, come and have a go...John is always on hand to sort things out...and he is very patient!

Come into the shop and talk to John - Telephone: 01409 211 192

Email: [managerashwatershop@gmail.com](mailto:managerashwatershop@gmail.com)

Find us on:

[www.facebook.com/ashwatervillageshop/](https://www.facebook.com/ashwatervillageshop/)  
[www.ashwatervillageshop.co.uk](http://www.ashwatervillageshop.co.uk)

### ROAD CLOSURE – 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

The road from Buckingham Farm to Cross Lane, Ashwater will be closed for patching works on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Circumstances and weather permitting on behalf of Devon County Council, SWH will be carrying out the works under a road closure arrangement.

Please note that pupils **will** be able to get to school as usual. The diversion will be from Thorney Cross via Longlands to Cross Lanes and vice-versa.

### **GARDEN PARTY – JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

Many of you will know that my granddaughter Vicky and her husband Matt Endacott lost their twin daughters Angel and Rose at 23 weeks of pregnancy from the disease TTTS which can only affect identical twins. They have set up a charity to raise money for research into the awful thing in the hope that it will prevent other couples going through the trauma they have had. To help them to that end I am organising a cream tea garden party in our garden on the afternoon of Sunday July 10. Edward and I are pretty useless physically so I am asking for your help. Please can I have volunteers in my kitchen to make and serve cream teas. Hopefully some local businesses or kind persons would like to sponsor scones, jam, cream, tea or milk and sugar. Any of the great cooks to bake cakes to add to teas please. Vicky grew up here, went to school here so please will you help one of our own to raise money for their charity, Mary Gliddon Fools Paradise 01409 211 203

### **SYRIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN**

I am fundraising to set up a 3-month play therapy project for Syrian refugee children commencing this June which will be hosted by the Middle East Children's Institute (MECI) in Jordan. Many refugee children have experienced what no child should ever witness. Play therapy provides a place for children to express and explore their thoughts, fears and emotions in a safe child friendly way. Instead of relying on words alone (which children can find very difficult), play therapy uses play and creative expression as a form of communication. This research project will be part of my Master's Degree. If you are interested and would like to support this project, please follow this link: <http://gogetfunding.com/play-therapy-for-syrian-refugee-children/> or contact me [elliottsarah2008@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elliottsarah2008@yahoo.co.uk). My thanks in advance for your kindness, generosity and support. Sarah Elliott, Ashwater.

### **BADMINTON – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Badminton continues on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall from 7.00pm – all welcome.

### **BADMINTON – THURSDAY MORNINGS**

Due to the hall being in use for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election on 5<sup>th</sup> May there will be no Badminton that day but sessions will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> May, reverting to fortnightly thereafter.

### **VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY**

The next lunch is on 5<sup>th</sup> May please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day at the latest. 01409 211200.

### **ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Are you interested in 'Macro Photography'? The next club meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm when we will have a guest speaker on this highly popular subject. Bring your camera there should be time to take a few test shots to put into practice what you learn from the speaker's technique. Also, don't forget to bring your entry forms and entrance fees for the Parson Jack Russell Exhibition on the topic of 'Animals and Flowers'. The event is being held between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at St Mary's Church, Black Torrington, 10.30am to 6.00pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as 10.30am – 3.00pm on the Monday.

Club members are also invited to take part in creating a photographic record of homes in Ashwater and beyond (locally) that were occupied by men who gave their lives in the first World War. This is part of the Holsworthy Museum Project. (See the separate feature)

Club members may display their own printed work in the hall or in digital format on the website at <http://ashwatercameraclub.weebly.com/> and a membership group has been set up on [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) – simply sign up via Yahoo! There is already a diverse selection of photos on the sites.

### **ASHWATER SCHOOL – PTFA, 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016, LADIES PAMPER EVENING**

Ashwater school PTFA are hosting a ladies pamper evening on 28th May, you can be pampered from head to foot from various different beauticians offering free hand massages, also we have a fantastic lady offering shiatsu massage, facials, nails, spray tans the works, also there will be representatives from Avon, Body shop, Yonique, Anne Summers, tropic skin care, craft wonderland - soaps/bathbombs, usbourne books, crafts/

spices, jewellery, scarves, and plenty more.

We are desperately trying to raise funds to improve the school library and outside play area, also everyday equipment that the school budget can't stretch to.

We would love to see you there. Entry fee is £3.00 with a free glass of Prosecco and nibbles.

#### **ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY –PLANT SALE, 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Have your plants been the victim of a cold spring? We hope to have enough to replenish any you might have lost at very reasonable prices. Come along and browse while you have a tea, coffee or soft drink and a cake at a modest price in the Parish Hall on Bank Holiday Monday morning.

Members of the Horticultural Society will be aiding the school pupils at their Garden Club on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm in the school garden. If anyone else would like to help please let Mel at the PTFA know. Meanwhile if there are any children wishing to take part in the Sunflower growing competition, who have not received seeds, would the parents please let the Society know before the end of May.

The cream tea event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April produced £104 for the Society funds, thanks to all involved.

#### **ENGLISH WINE WEEK 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY—5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

Uphill Vineyard, Ashwater will be conducting free tastings of the 2014 vintage during the whole of English Wine Week so come along and support the fast developing English wine industry. Wine will be available for purchase by the bottle and group tours of the vineyard can be arranged by appointment. Contact details and more information can be found on our web site at [www.careyvalleywines.co.uk](http://www.careyvalleywines.co.uk)

English Wine Week is a national campaign, designed to raise awareness of English wine across the country through retail outlets – from supermarkets to independent wine merchants, delicatessens to hotels, pubs, bars restaurants and village outlets. Vineyards across the country are opening their doors to welcome visitors, offering tours, tastings and special offers.

**Editor's Note:** English wine is achieving international recognition and one quite local sparkling wine is available in Marks and Spencers. We are fortunate to have several vineyards within easy reach with Uphill Vineyard right on our doorstep producing some very palatable products – these are available from the both Ashwater Community Shop and the vineyard itself.

#### **CYCLING EVENT – SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2016**

Please note some of the Parish Hall facilities have been booked for use in conjunction with a cycling event that is taking place on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. Ashwater features as part of the route embracing some of Cornwall and Devon. There could be a large number of cyclists involved throughout the morning, so please be aware of an increased number of cycles on the lanes approaching Ashwater and particularly the approaches to the hall.

Table Tennis will be able to take place as usual, it is basically the car park and toilets that will be used by the cycling organisers and those taking part.

The event is scheduled between 8.00am and 1.00pm.

#### **TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN**

The Local Plan Consultation has now concluded and the Full Council will be voting on the Local Plan following the Full Council Meeting and AGM on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Bideford. This is an important vote as it deals with the future of planning throughout Torridge and together with North Devon District Council the adoption of the Local Plan to be submitted to the Government Inspectorate for approval.

Representation on a variety of aspects affecting Ashwater has been made, including Renewable Energy. The two District Councils were proposing that in effect the whole of Torridge and North Devon would be suitable for wind energy development, which could lead to wind turbine applications and associated infrastructure,

including possible extra pylons, being erected anywhere within the two districts, including Lundy Island, the Biosphere, Exmoor National Park, AONB's, SSSI's and any aspect of farmland or private land that owners wanted to utilize for such purposes.

A large number of objections were raised by individuals, organizations and Parish Councils, including Ashwater. The objections were not necessarily opposed to renewable energy, just the 'open door' invitation to developers being able to point to the Local Plan when submitting an application making it extremely difficult for reasonable objections to be raised if the proposal was otherwise unacceptable.

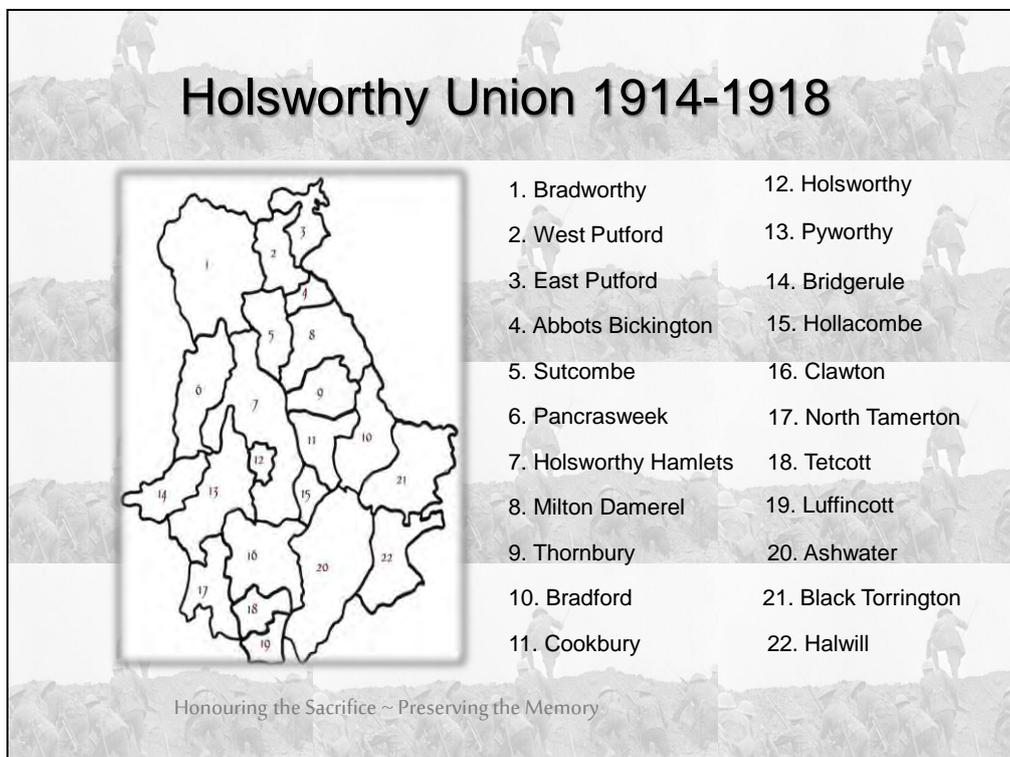
The matters arising from the proposed Local Plan are complex, in particular what policy should be adopted with regard to wind turbines? 95% of the responses to the 'wind turbine policy' as submitted maintain an open policy is unacceptable and the Full Council is required to consider the objections, the reasons for same and abide by Government guidance where appropriate.

The Ashwater Newsletter does not have sufficient space to carry the full summary of objections or other representations, but would urge readers that are interested in the effects that adoption of the Local Plan might have on their homes, businesses and recreation amenities to examine the information on Torrridge District Council's Planning Website

Those wishing to attend the meeting at 6.30pm on May 9<sup>th</sup> may also register to speak if desired but must *Sign the Public Register at 6:00pm or before, in the Town Hall. 1st come 1st served.*

**IN REMEMBRANCE - HOLSWORTHY AND DISTRICT 1914-1918**

Later this year, Holsworthy Museum will reach the end of a two year Heritage Lottery Funded Project which has been researching the lives of those men from the Holsworthy area who died as a consequence of WW1. At the time of the outbreak of the War the town of Holsworthy and its surrounding villages was known as the Holsworthy Union. Today some villages included are no longer within Holsworthy District whilst others are now within the District that were not included in 1914. The Project has focussed on the people with connections to Holsworthy as it was in 1914-18. The locations included in the Project are shown below.



The Museum’s research has identified a number of men who had a connection to Ashwater and its immediate area. The volunteers running the project are keen to hear from anyone who may have a link to anyone from the area who fought in WW1 (or knows someone who does). Their interest is not confined to those who died, they would like to hear more about those who came back or, indeed, did not fight for whatever reason. They would be interested in any memorabilia associated with that period which could be used in a planned exhibition later this year.

There are 184 men from the Holsworthy area who died who are believed to have been born or lived in the Holsworthy Area. They are keen to have photographs of as many of the locations as they are today. If you would be interested in helping with the photography please contact Ivan Buxton – especially if you are a member of Ashwater Photographic Club – or Margaret Benjafield (01409 255417 or e-mail: [m.benjafield@btopenworld.com](mailto:m.benjafield@btopenworld.com)). If you have any other information which you think would help the project, please contact Margaret or the Museum on 01409 259337

The names shown below are men who lived or were born in Ashwater (the information shown is taken from Census Records).

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| BURNETT   | Francis         | Agistments, and Higher Priestacott             | Ashwater   |
| MOORE     | William John    | Muckworthy Chapel, and Muckworthy Farm Cottage | Ashwater   |
| PETHERICK | Sydney          | Dury Hill,                                     | Ashwater   |
| TUBB      | William James   | Brush Park, Ashmill,                           | Ashwater He worked as a Grocer’s Apprentice for R Moon of Ashwater |
| COSE      | Albert William  | Dunsland Cross,                                | Ashwater   |
| DOCKETT   | Cyril James Fry | 4 Ashwater Village                             | Ashwater His father was an Outfitter and Draper from Ashwater      |
| HARRIS    | Albert Marwood  | Shophill,                                      | Ashwater   |
| JORDAN    | John Thomas     | Statfold East Farm                             | Ashwater   |
| STACEY    | Frederick       | Northend                                       | Ashwater   |
| STEPHENS  | Charles         | Hunscott Cottage,                              | Ashwater   |

#### CPRE “OUR OUTDOORS” COMPETITION 2016

Any club, society, organization or even the entire village may enter the replacement for the former ‘Best Kept Village Competition’ To take part organizations should contact CPRE by email at [secretary@cpredevo.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cpredevo.org.uk) for entry forms and full details. Entries must be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Entry is free and there are prizes to be won in a variety of categories.

#### AND FINALLY.....

There are two Bank Holidays this month, please check the shop opening hours and for those attending the Dance Class on May 2<sup>nd</sup> it will take place at 7.30pm and not 7pm.

#### Advertising in the Newsletter

Small adverts cost £25 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](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com). Don’t forget to visit the Ashwater Website [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk)

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