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**Newsletter:** Contributions for the next Newsletter by 19<sup>th</sup> September please. [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

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

1<sup>st</sup> September – Coffee Morning – 10.30am-Noon

7<sup>th</sup> September – Village Inn, Lunch Club 12.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> September – Coffee Morning, 10.30am – Noon

9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September -Open Studios, Henford

13<sup>th</sup> September– Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> September– Coffee Morning 10.30am-Noon

16<sup>th</sup> September – Craft and Produce Fair, 1.00pm-4.00pm

18<sup>th</sup> September – Photographic Group, 7.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> September Hall Meeting, 8.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> September– Coffee Morning 10.30am – Noon

29<sup>th</sup> September – Coffee Morning 10.30am - Noon

30<sup>th</sup> September – McMillan Coffee Morning – on the Village Green

**Advance Notice**

9<sup>th</sup> October– Ashwater Horticultural Society AGM– 7pm.

**Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**  
 Email: [Imyetman@btinternet.com](mailto:Imyetman@btinternet.com)  
 Tel: 01409 211131

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

Tel: 01409 211192

**Post Office**

Hours: Mon – Frid: 9.00am to 4.00pm  
 Saturday: Closed  
 Sunday: Closed

**PARISH HALL**

**Hall Extension Fund**

We are pleased to confirm the grant of £25,000 from Torridge District Council is now safely in the hall account and ring fenced for the extension. Many thanks also to the members of Ashwater Table Tennis Group who have kindly donated £300 towards the cause. We are now well over halfway towards our target fund and donations from other hall users are always welcome and we thank both badminton groups and supporters of the coffee mornings for their regular contributions. Evidence of use and support of the hall, both financially and physically is appreciated and assists when presenting bids for match funding.

**Shop Lease**

When the community shop was being set up some 7 years ago it was necessary to provide a formal lease between the hall charity and the shop. This is shortly due to expire and a new lease is being drawn up.

The success of the shop and Post Office mirror that of the hall and it is due to the wonderful support by the community – Ashwater is seen as an example to many other villages, communities and parishes and both hall and shop committees are often approached for advice about similar projects across Devon and the wider South West Region. This is because of the way in which so many residents, friends and supporters have helped establish these parish facilities, not forgetting the events that both help to serve by hosting or supplying vital services throughout the year.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Cheaper Heating Oil**

Summer is here and so is cheaper heating Oil. This is the time of year when the organised amongst us start to think about winter oil stocks; Summer is often the best time to buy. Low demand drives prices down. The Devon Oil Collective was set up by Devon Communities Together and has been saving people money on the purchase of their oil for the last 5 years. This is a way of ensuring that the hard task of finding the cheapest oil to purchase is done by us.

In 2016 Devon Communities went into partnership with Affinity, a subsidiary of Anglian Famers Ltd the largest agricultural purchasing co-operative in the UK. Affinity pool together fuel orders and negotiate directly with suppliers, obtaining very competitive prices for syndicate members and a good delivery service.

How it works: You can now sign up to become a member of the co-operative on the Devon Communities Together website in our membership section. Once you become a member you can place your order directly with Affinity normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> working day of the month and they will add your requirements to the bulk purchase they are negotiating.

There is a minimum order of 500 litres and that unit price will be the same for all orders. Affinity then aims to have the oil delivered to your property within 10 working days of the order being placed.

If you would like to benefit from purchasing their oil through a local co-operative, then why not become a Local Co-ordinator and help your community group with their orders. Co-ordinators have free membership of the collective and we support them with promotional material for the scheme.

This scheme is for everybody, but we particularly want to help those on low incomes or who find it difficult to manage their own negotiations. To find out more about the Devon Oil Collective call Huw on 01392 248919 or visit the Devon Oil Collective page of the Devon Communities Together [website](#).

Potholes – residents of Ashwater are advised to keep reporting potholes using the following link: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>. Due to limited funds available to Highways for road repairs, residents are encouraged to use local roads respectfully to try and avoid additional problems with road surfaces.

The next monthly parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at 7.30pm.

#### **ASHWATER COMMUNITY SHOP**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the shop was held at the Parish Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Chair reported an increase in turnover for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and thanked all concerned particularly the Manager, out-going officers and all who take turns in working to ensure continuance of the project and maintaining the vital Post Office Services. The meeting approved the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2017 and agreed the minutes of the 2016 AGM. A resolution was also passed to adopt updated rules and constitution that include a code of conduct and membership strategy. A copy of the full document is available in the shop. With effect from 2018 the AGM will be replaced by an Annual Members Meeting (AMM).

The meeting also elected the following officers:

Chair:	Rachael Martyn
Vice-Chair and Secretary:	Stuart Marwood
Treasurer:	Fiona Grose

Simon J Gould (Chartered Certified Accountant) was re-appointed as auditor for the year 2017/2018.

#### **VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY – 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day at the latest on 01409 211200. The two-course meal is priced very reasonably by Phil and Dee and is great value – join us from 12.30pm.

#### **CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Please come and join us at the next Craft and Produce Fair in Ashwater Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 1pm until 4.00pm. Refreshments including delicious bacon rolls will be served during the afternoon. There will be a raffle and a wide variety of craft and produce stalls. The range of hand-made items contributed by local and talented people together with goods and products provides opportunity to secure something 'different' for all occasions and pockets. Everyone is welcome and proceeds from your support are in aid of Ashwater Community Shop. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **DEVON OPEN STUDIOS 9<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Devon Open Studios is an annual event to promote the visual arts in Devon. Held during a two-week period from 9<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 it 'showcases' the contributing artist's work.

Ashwater Parish resident, Laraine Golding welcomes you to her art exhibition to be held on various days during that fortnight from 11am to 5pm at: The Cottage, Henford, Ashwater, EX21 5DA. Please ring to check opening days: Tel:01409 211401.

#### **66<sup>th</sup> ASHWATER AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

A big thank you to everyone who visited and supported the 66<sup>th</sup> Ashwater Agricultural Show, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August presided over by Mr Trevor Moon, our president for 2017 with his wife Carole.

There was an array of beautifully turned out stock in the cattle and sheep classes with excellent entries this year, while 25 farmers of the future, demonstrated their excellent skills in the young handler's classes. Family pets including Guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens and ducks were showcased in the Fur and Feather tent while numerous dogs took part in the family fun dog show.

Horse classes commenced bright and early - the morning saw strong competition in the horse, pony and novelty classes, while children enjoyed taking part in the Gymkhana. The horse events were rounded off in the afternoon with show jumping competitions.

The show was officially opened by the President at 1.00pm, followed by a parade of vintage tractors in the main ring where Mr Trevor Moon awarded 'Presidents choice award', sponsored by Pat May Drainage and Groundwork's to a beautiful 1968 Ford 3000 pre-force restored by and owned by Ryan Gay. A parade of the South Tetcott Hunt hounds followed. We then had tossing the sheath which proved a popular attraction and opportunity for many to show off their strength and throwing skills, after which people competed to see who could stay on the "bucking bronco" for the longest.

The show was held in conjunction with Ashwater Horticultural Show, where people from across the Parish demonstrated their skills in a range of classes from flower arranging to homemade preserves. The craft tent was bursting at the seams with a showcase of local products and the various village organizations were represented including the Church, the PTA with a cake stand and the Community Shop showcasing their goods.

The committee would like to say a big thank you to all those who generously sponsored classes including Kivells, Mr and Mrs S J Griffin, Carey Valley Woodlands, Mr A Ogborne, Dave Lawrence, Mr P Moon, Mr Dave Clarke, Mr and Mrs S Mitchell, PoS-iT Retail Systems, Hoopers Equestrian, Pat May Drainage and Groundwork's and Penbode Vets for generously supplying the goodie bags for the Young Handlers.

There were many prize winners throughout the day with those wining cups in the livestock and horse classes listed below:

**Cattle classes:** Glass Bowl for Supreme Champion Cattle – Messrs E C Haste; L Rockett Cup best yearling heifer – J L Neale; Show Committee Cup for Best Local Beef – John Sluggett.

**Young Handlers:** The Ken Jones Cup for Young Handlers Cattle – Harriett Moon. Mr & Mrs G King Cup for Young Handlers Sheep – Hollie Dawe.

**Sheep classes:** Supreme Champion Sheep sponsored by Mr and Mrs S J Griffin and presented with a glass bowl – Adam Hill; Ashwater Show Cup for Sheep Female Champion – Adam Hill; Frank Howard Cup for Sheep Male Champion – Thomas Nancekivell; C K Jones Cup for most points gained in Sheep Classes – Gareth Hutchings; H Newcombe Cup for Best Pen of Lambs – Gareth Hutchings;

**Horse classes:** The Classes 1-6 Horse Championship, sponsored by Hoopers Equestrian went to Sophie Williams; Supreme Championship (all Champions) sponsored by Carey Valley Woodlands and presented with the Michael Drown Cup – Sophie Williams; Best Pony Cup Champion – Kim Locke; Kivells Cup best Mountain & Moorland Pony – Lynne Moyse; Den Piper Cup novelty Classes Champion – Lynne Moyse; Show Committee Cup Open Show Jumping – Amanda Cole; John Forward of Henford Studio Architects Cup for highest placed 16 year old or under in open Show jumping – Natalie Rowe; John Forward of Henford Studio Architects Cup for Highest placed member of the Pony Club in Novice Jumping – Alicia Old.

The first prize winners for further classes are listed below:

**Fur and feather classes:** The Gerry Family Cup for champion Bird went to Beth Sobey; Reserve Champion – Harry Ayre; Best Guinea Pig – The James Family; Best Rabbit – Mollie Isaac; Pure Bred Large Fowl – Rhonda Fry; Pure Bred Bantam – Beth Sobey; Any Other Variety – Harry Ayre; Large Waterfowl – Jess Warring; Bantam Waterfowl – Jess Warring;

**Silage and cereals classes:** First prize winners: Clamp Silage – Steve Furse; Big Bale Silage – Steve Furse; Hay – Justin & Mary Barriball.

In the evening everyone let their hair down with the after show party, packed with locals and supporters for a

great community get together dancing to "Archive" and a Disco.

The Committee would like to reiterate its sincere thanks to all our sponsors, judges, programme advertisers and donors for their generous support of this year's show as well as to our President, Mr Trevor Moon for carrying out his role admirably. Thanks also to Clawton Young Farmers for their hard work this year with various activities throughout the day. In addition the Chairman, Mr Paul Moon, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved, the members of the committee and all those non-members, family and friends who also generously give up their time to make the show a success, helping in preparation, setting up, fetching and carrying, selling dance tickets, selling draw books, securing draw prizes, lending equipment, providing refreshments, running bars, parking cars, cutting verges and hedges leading to the Show Ground, as well as clearing up afterwards! Finally a very big thank you to everyone who came and supported the show on the day, entered classes and took part in activities! Without the help and support of so many people the show would not be possible.

### **84<sup>th</sup> ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

The 84<sup>th</sup> Ashwater Horticultural Show upheld the tradition of representing hard work, pot luck and skill across a range of fruit, flowers and vegetables locally produced despite the vagaries, challenges and support of our weather. Those with poly-tunnels, greenhouses, conservatories and fruit cages have some advantages, but also problems not encountered by those without. Consequently, the quality and quantity of entries do fairly represent the efforts of all concerned and this was evident by the number of new as well as previous winners across the board. Whilst members of the Horticultural Society featured amongst the trophy winners, non-members also fared well and as usual the children's entries were a delight from a 'cauliflower sheep' to a 'dinosaur's garden' and a wonderful drawing of a fox and prey in the painting and drawing class.

The show also embraces the former WI categories covering preserves and cookery which attracted many 'specimen' entries providing a challenge to the judges not to eat everything on display!

Thanks are due to Fiona Bull and her 'behind the scenes' team who ensured the entries were recorded, tents erected and laid out, trophies were finely polished, winning certificates issued and the raffle was supported, with added thanks to those who donated prize money for the children. Special thanks go to the judges: Mark Preece (Fruit and vegetables), Penny Jones (Flowers), Steve Morey (Cookery) and Diane Williams (Children and Young People). Appreciation is also due to the Agricultural Show President Mr Trevor Moon and his wife Carole for graciously presenting the trophies.

The Challenge Cup in the Children's Classes - Under 11years, was awarded to Harrison Hunt and the Perpetual Cup for age between 12 and 16 years went to Rowan Tidball. Winner of 'Most Points' in the following Classes were: Flowers – Rhonda Fry. Fruit – Stephen Davies. Vegetables – Vernon Anning. Preserves – Lorna Binns. Cookery – Ivan Buxton. A full list of all other category winners will be posted on the Parish Website.

Raffle winners were: 1st Prize £50 Mr Cole. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20 R Fry. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize. C Whitehead.

Should you feel inspired to join the Ashwater Horticultural Society, we are a friendly bunch, please come along to the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on 9th October at 7pm when we agree the annual subscription rate (currently £5.00pa or £7.00 for couples), present the accounts, elect the officers and endeavour to come up with an events programme for the year.

### **ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB**

Unfortunately, the weather prevented the August meeting taking place at Caroline and Roy Gill's flower meadow, but the next meeting is indoors at the Parish Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm when there will be a guest speaker.

### **HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK**

This month's programme has included my favourite walk which starts from Buckland Filleigh Village Hall car park. The walk takes us through the grounds of Buckland House, which is a lovely mansion currently used as a

Wedding and Special Events venue, and past the adjacent church (St Mary) which boasts an unusual tiled floor and several monuments of the Fortescue family who came to the property in 1434.

The current mansion was built in 1810 and sits on the site of a previous house which was destroyed by fire in 1790. The estate was sold by the Fortescue's in 1840 and the house has been used for different purposes since that time. For many years it was a school and one of our walkers has 'fond' memories of boarding there during the 1960s. The school closed in 1984 and an Adventure Holiday company took over but sadly went bankrupt following the implementation of new legislation to regulate activity centres following the tragic Lyne Bay boating disaster in 1996.

There is a network of public footpaths around Buckland Filleigh and our walk took us through the Park and a conifer plantation, and then continued along roads, tracks, fields and a section of woodland. We all safely navigated the route despite recent heavy rains and managed, for the most part, to avoid the showers which kept threatening.

All walks are graded on our programmes with Level 1 being easy, mainly flat with some suitable for motorised vehicles. Level 2 include different terrains and are between 1 and a half and 2 miles with Level 3 being more challenging with some 'up hill down dale', stiles and muddy areas and approximately 3 miles.

Walking is one of the best forms of exercise and can reduce the risk of many common conditions including heart disease, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes. All walks are free to attend and it is a good way to see different aspects of the district and discover some of the local history.

Our Monday walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am from The Scout Hut next to the Leisure Centre with tea and coffee served afterwards in the Youth Centre. The Friday walks move off at 10.30 am from various locations around the area. September venues include Sheepwash, Roadford Lake, Kilkhampton and the Upper Tamar Lake. Details can be found on our walk programme.

For further information regarding the Monday walks please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642. For information regarding the Friday walks please contact David Arney on 01837 861829.

#### **BRATTON CLOVELLY FESTIVAL**

Sunday, 24th September, 6.30pm: Choral Evensong with the Exeter Cathedral Choir  
St Mary the Virgin Church, Bratton Clovelly EX20 4JX  
Retiring Collection. Refreshments All Welcome

Saturday, 30th September, 7 for 7.30pm: Hartland Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Malcolm Woodcock. Celebrating their 25th Anniversary, concert in aid of Cancer Research UK and the Parish Hall maintenance fund. Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall EX20 4JT  
Bar and Refreshments £6/£4 (16yrs and under)  
Programme includes: Elgar's Serenade for Strings, Bach's Double Violin Concerto, William Boyce's 5th Symphony, Pachelbel's Canon in D and other well loved pieces. The orchestra will be joined by some of our very talented local young musicians.  
To Book, email: [brattonclovellyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:brattonclovellyfestival@gmail.com) or Phone: 01837 871696

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#### **DEVON AND SOMERSET FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Don't be distracted while in the kitchen!  
Did you know that over 50% of accidental dwelling fires start in the kitchen? This means that you are six times more likely to have an incident in your kitchen than in any other room in the house.

In Devon and Somerset over the last five years (2012 – 2017) within the home, 314 incidents that caused an injury resulted in a total of 387 injuries, 175 of these happened in the kitchen. This means a third of all accidental incidents within the kitchen are caused by distraction or falling asleep.

We all know that when cooking it's easy to be distracted, but our statistics show that you are most likely to get distracted between 17:00 – 19:00. This is exactly the time when the evening meal is being prepared and becoming distracted can happen easily. The risk is heightened if you cook using a chip pan or deep fat fryer.

#### Smoke Alarms

Stay alive and stay safe with a working smoke alarm. This will greatly increase your chances of escaping from a fire unharmed. Without one you and your family are more than twice as likely to die in a fire at home.

Check that a smoke alarm is fitted on each level of your property:

- once a year – change your battery or consider buying a ten-year alarm which will not require frequent battery changes
- regularly check your alarms by pressing the button
- once a year - vacuum and wipe the smoke alarm casing to ensure dust isn't blocking the sensor chamber (for mains wired alarms, switch off first).

#### MACMILLAN'S COFFEE MORNING – 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Ashwater village shop presents a Macmillan coffee morning on the village green, Saturday 30th September 2017 10am-12.00, everybody is welcome to join us, we will have a raffle, nail bar, children's biscuit decorating, face painting, children's cake bake competition, a few stalls and lots of fabulous cakes/ tea/coffee, if anyone would be so kind as to donate a cake we would be very grateful.

.....**And Finally, just for fun in case of bank holiday weather (and don't cheat by use of the internet)**

Answer the following questions, rearrange the first letter of each answer to find the name of the place.

- What is Magnesium Sulphate more commonly called?
- Barossa Valley Wine Making Region is in which country?
- Rubber boots are usually called?
- Gauchos come from which country?
- Peek-a-boo is another name for which childhood game?
- Electric powered passenger transport at Seaton.
- Precipitation that used to be measured in inches.
- What is cartoon character Popeye's adopted baby's name?

Too Simple?

Try this one

What links Dartford with a grasshopper and a reed?

Or this...

What connects Hot Springs with Truth or Consequences?

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