
Comment: The Community Shop needs more support. The facility is vital for the welfare of the village and with the winter fast approaching who knows what bad weather is round the corner, the shop maybe a lifeline.

Newsletter: Please submit items for the **October** issue by **24th October** to ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

2nd October – Short Mat Bowls 10.00am – Noon

2nd October – Lunch Club, Village Inn

5th October – Harvest Festival, Church 11am followed by lunch in the hall

6nd October – Photo Group, 7.30pm

9th October – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

9th October – Art Group, 2pm – 4pm

18th October- Hall working party, 10am in the car park

26th October – A Taste of Uganda, Church 11am followed by lunch in the hall

Advance Notice

11th November – PTFA Coffee Morning in HOLSWORTHY Memorial Hall

22nd November – Tea Party in the Hall

28th November – PTFA Bingo in the Hall

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

Place a regular order and it will be ready for your collection

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

THE VILLAGE SHOP

How often do you visit the shop and spend money on groceries? Do you just pick up a paper and little else? This seems to be an unwelcome trend recently as takings for July, August and September are below the same period last year. Please keep the enclosed shop bulletin as a reminder and support YOUR shop whenever possible.

PARISH HALL

The plans for the proposed hall storage extension have been submitted to Torrington District Council for approval. A copy of the planning detail has been on display in the hall for some time and is still on the notice board if you need to refresh your memory.

Once the plans are approved quotes for the work will be required and then the fund raising will begin!

The need for storage is acute and will hopefully go a long way towards solving the constant need to move chairs, tables and equipment from one room to another.

The hall grounds need some attention as the wonderful summer has encouraged weed growth. We also need to fill some of the hedge planting gaps to help screen the car park from the new housing. A WORKING PARTY would appreciate some helping hands on 18th October from 10am for a couple of hours.

TEA PARTY – 22nd November 2014

Details are being finalized for a Village Tea Party to take place in the hall during the afternoon and early evening of 22nd November. This will be themed to commemorate World War 1 – watch for notices and flyers, but make a date in your diaries as everyone is welcome.

PARISH HALL 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - IDEAS PLEASE - We are planning a celebratory event for the 5th anniversary of the Parish Hall, due to be held on Saturday 20 March 2015. We would love to receive any suggestions on what the event might include or the format it may take. It's very important that the event is for the people of the Parish and appeals to all age groups so we welcome as many views as possible. Please email Colin Vallance, cprv@hotmail.co.uk or pop into the shop where there will be a suggestions sheet.

THANK YOU LIN - The Trustees of the Parish Hall would like to offer their sincere thanks to Lin Jennings for her dedication and all the hard work she has put into cleaning the hall over the last 5 years. We are very grateful for everything Lin has done on behalf of the Trustees and the Parish, frequently going above and beyond the call of duty, and would like to wish Lin all the best in her new job.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE PRESENTATION

The presentation evening was not as well attended as hoped, particularly by long term residents of the parish, but a reasonable turn out saw Mary Gliddon accept the award on behalf of the village and make a moving speech. The Chairman of the CPRE, Penny Mills and the principal competition judge, Phillip Hackett

both praised Ashwater for attractiveness and community spirit. Many thanks go to all who attended and provided our guests with a fine 'Ashwater Spread' for their supper.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Short Mat Bowls will be starting again on Thursday 2nd October (10:00 – 12:00) in the Hall, and then alternate Thursdays. No previous experience is necessary, come and play for fun.

ART GROUP

Art Group re-commences on 9th October 2014 from 2pm-4pm. There will be a tuition lesson on 16th Oct after that on the second and fourth Thursdays (except Christmas day). £15 will sign up to the end of January. Kate Tomlinson is the person to contact if you are interested in joining – telephone 01409 211241

BADMINTON –WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Badminton has re-commenced on Wednesday evenings in the hall at 8pm – come along for a fun game.

VILLAGE ROAD CLOSURE - CHANGE OF DATES

The road closure dates have been brought forward and will now take place as follows:

The road will be closed from St Peters Church to Ashmill Cross between Wren Cottage and the Parish Hall from 24/11/14 - 5/12/14 inclusive to carry out essential works to the water network. If you have any queries regarding this closure, please do not hesitate to contact South West Water on 0844 346 2020.

See the Hall Notice Board for full details.

THE VILLAGE INN – LUNCH CLUB

The Monthly Lunch Club is Thursday 2nd October, please book on 01409 211200.

LIBRARY

The next visits of the library van will be October 2 and 30, and Nov 27. The December date to be confirmed.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP MEETING – 6TH OCTOBER

The group meets in the hall at 7.30pm to view the photos taken during the month and discuss future projects. New members are always welcome. This month bring your camera as we will try to run through the features on the modern digital equipment to help with technique and having fun with the technical bits.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – AGM 13TH OCTOBER

The AGM is Monday 13th October 2014 in the hall, 7.30pm followed by supper. The cups will be ready for collection, winners welcome after the meeting around 8.30pm. Volunteers are needed for committee officers and ideas for the next year of activities. New members welcome to join our friendly group – outings and events are arranged throughout the year. The visit to the Met Office in Exeter on 4th October is fully booked.

PILATES

Pilates sessions take place in the hall as follows:

Monday: 10.00am and 11.15am Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 10.00am and 11.15am

ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

A grant has been received for the refurbishment of the war memorial. The work has commenced and will be completed by November of this year.

Potholes continue to be a problem in the area and are slowly being attended to by Highways. Members of the public can also contact the council direct with any problems by emailing www.devon.gov.uk/pothole or they can call 0845 1551004.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 October at 7.30pm.

ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH

5th October Harvest Festival at 11am followed by a hot lunch in the Parish Hall. Obtain lunch tickets from Jan Madge 01409 211104 £10.00 and £5 for Primary School Children

26th October A Taste of Uganda at 11am followed by lunch in the hall, tickets as above.
Please check the website www.ashwaterparishchurch.com for details of other services.

ASHWATER SCHOOL PTFA - 100 CLUB

The PTFA 100 Club renews in November and new members are welcome. The cost is just £12 per annum. There are three prizes a month and the surplus proceeds go towards the PTFA funds for the benefit of the school. Contact Christine on 07880224112.

SKITTLES (Ladies)

There will be no league games this year but we will meet on the first Thursday of every month for a social game and supper, commencing on the 2nd October 2014. Anyone who fancies trying their hand is welcome.

ROAD TAX DISCS

Sadly it's not the end of Vehicle Excise Duty altogether, but the long-serving tax disc will shortly be phased out. Here's what you need to know to make sure you stay legal and avoid a hefty fine.

What's happening?

From October 1st this year all vehicles will no longer receive a paper tax disc to indicate that Vehicle Excise Duty has been paid. That means cars, motorbikes and scooters, vans, buses and lorries.

How will the police know I have tax?

Rather than relying on the presence of a disc the police will use ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras to check the DVLA's database that your vehicle is taxed. These have already been in use for several years and can check the presence of VED much more quickly.

How do I get my road tax?

You can apply to renew your VED online or at a Main Post Office as before, but you won't come away with a tax disc. The VED database will be updated so you know you'll be legal. In addition from November 1st it will be possible to pay for one year's VED by monthly direct debit, helping to spread the cost.

What happens when I sell my car?

Any outstanding tax left on your car when it is sold is no longer valid, so it is imperative you notify the DVLA as soon as possible so that you are no longer responsible for the tax status of the vehicle. Any outstanding months remaining will be refunded, but only whole months will be paid so it makes sense to do this towards the end of the month.

What happens when I buy a car?

If you buy a used car it cannot be sold with tax on it, so you must tax it before using it. This can be done online, by using the 24-hour automated telephone service or at the Post Office using the New Keeper Supplement of the vehicle registration certificate (V5).

What should I do on October 1st?

If your car is taxed until November 2014 and beyond then from October 1st this year the tax disc can be removed from the vehicle and destroyed. Anyone with a Northern Ireland address must continue to display their tax disc, however.

Sorry folks but Ashwater PO does not handle vehicle tax – Halwill Junction (Beaworthy) or Holsworthy are the nearest Post Offices able to handle these transactions.

A REMINDER

The clocks go back at the end of October as British Summer Time ends.

AND FINALLY.....A LETTER

To All

It gave me much pleasure to learn that Ashwater had won a prize in the best kept new comer village competition

Born and bought up in Ashwater and seeing many changes, not all for the better. This prize is a good one .and all the parish should be very proud of !!!!!

All those who were closely connected with us entering should be thanked for time and thought ,together with those who made efforts with all the nice things on display.-

A Judges remarks regarding the cement stones around the green now painted white. A few old ones will remember that the late Bert Moon, champion in his day for Ashwater obtained these items and had them placed around the green as we see them today.

To the few who are not aware, Jack Moon who gave the land for the village hall and shop ,was Bert's younger brother. Both who are no doubt looking down, would be pleased to see the things in the judges report regarding our green and hall facilities.



Thanks also to Ivan Buxton for all the non paid hard work he puts in on our behalf.

One last bit of information Mary Gliddon I think I am correct, is the only one that registered her common rights to our village green.

Edward Gliddon an old wrinkle of the parish.

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