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# Ashwater Newsletter

## February 2022

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### Events in the Hall

Mon pilates 10-12.30

Tues pilates 10-12.30

Wed zumba 9.45-10.45

Wed badminton 19.30-21.30

Fri coffee morning 10.30-12

Sat table tennis 10-12

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### PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Update

There have been a number of ideas put forward for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations running over four days from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022.

The theme for 2022 is:



Here is the provisional timetable:

### March onwards

Everyone is encouraged to create window boxes, hanging baskets and front garden plots planted with flowers of red, white and blue, timed to be at their best the first week in June. Certificates will be awarded for best judged displays.

The judging will take place in Jubilee Week commencing Monday 30th May 2022 with awards presented on Sunday 5th June 2022 at the **Big Lunch** (see below). Entry forms will soon be available in the shop (£1 per entry).

Bunting is needed to hang around the village including the shop and the hall – made from environmentally friendly material. Volunteers are needed to make a metre or so each – more details to follow, but if you are interested in helping or can supply some material, please email [buxton443@btinternet.com](mailto:buxton443@btinternet.com)

A Grand Jubilee Prize Draw – tickets will be on sale from March.

### Thursday 2nd June

**Village Fete** on the Green between 11am and 5pm with stalls and activities. (Setting up from 8am). Arrangements will be made to erect the Horticultural Society Marquee to provide some sheltered space, if the weather forecast is truly awful the Parish Hall will be available as supplementary back up.

Anyone who wishes to book a space/table and can provide a gazebo please email [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com) – once we have a list of likely participants, we can draw up a plan for spaces on the green. (A fee of £5.00 per stall/table will go towards any costs incurred and any surplus donated to the church funds.). Each stall/table can use the event to raise funds for their own organisation or charity of choice.

A variety of activities will be staged throughout the day including fancy dress competitions for both adults and children with a Royalty theme. Parade of 'best turned out' horses and rider. Royalty themed Scarecrow competition. Best dressed 'royal' dog! There will be prizes for the winners, to be presented at the **Big Lunch** on 5th June.

**Ashwater School** are arranging for the children to create artwork that will be on display in the hall throughout the four days of celebration.

Camera Club. The exhibits can be offered for sale if required and entry is open to everyone. The theme is 'your choice' from Ashwater Parish Locations and People to Pets and Nature. The Club would also like to borrow any photographs people may have of the village over the years since the Coronation in 1953 including events, locations and people. They can be copied if preferred to avoid any mishaps with treasured mementos! The display will run until 12 noon on Friday 3rd June as the Church has a wedding on Saturday 4th June.

**National Beacon Lighting** We are looking into holding an evening parade to coincide with the National Beacon Lighting, it is hoped the Ashwater Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm.

## Friday 3rd June

**Proposed Skittles Competition** 1pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall, mixed teams to compete in a knockout competition for the Jubilee Award. Details to be arranged.

A **Quiz** will be held in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 7pm. Prizes will be given for the winners of each round and to the overall champions. Teams of four at £2.00 per head, there will be a limited pay bar and light refreshments available to purchase. Tickets will be on sale nearer the day.

## Saturday 4th June

A **Craft Fair** in the Parish Hall, probably 10am – 2pm.

A **Ceilidh** in the Parish Hall, doors open at 6.45pm, with live music from **SPINACH FOR NORMAN**, four-piece band (two fiddles, guitar & bass) and caller **PAM HAYES**.

7pm to Midnight. There will be two short interludes, a bar and a finger buffet. Tickets at £5.00 per head will be on sale nearer the night.

## Sunday 5th June

**Church Service** (probably 11am) in the Church.

The **Big Lunch** from 12 noon onwards in the Parish Hall and outside on the grassed area. We are exploring the possibility of a Hog Roast to supplement a Bring and Share Lunch, patriotic dressing up is encouraged, but optional. More details as arrangements are made.

The **Grand Draw** will be undertaken and various prizes for winners of other events will take place. The aim is to make this a free finale to the celebrations with music, fun and

There are other ideas in the pipeline which will be discussed and combined with the overall celebrations.

If you know of any group or organisation, not already listed above, that would like to be involved, either with a stall/table at the fete or in the run up to the Jubilee week please email [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com) – help by volunteers is most welcome as we will need to fetch and carry, sell draw tickets as well as generally organise.

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## Proposed housing development in the field behind The Village Inn, Ashwater (Fairfield)

You may be aware that the field behind The Village Inn (Fairfield) is subject to a proposed development of around 22 houses.

(an increase in the size of Ashwater by over 20%.)

The Holsworthy Post and Devon Live have both published articles regarding local concerns regarding this development which you may wish to read:

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/angry-ashwater-residents-warn-new-6437586>

<https://www.holsworthy-today.co.uk/article.cfm?id=116914&headline=Ashwater%20says%20no%20to%20more%20houses&sectionIs=news&searchyear=2022>

The developer hasn't engaged with the Ashwater community to date to consider their views and suggestions.

Please add your comments to the Torridge District Council website before time runs out:

[1/0660/2021/REMM | Reserved matters application for 22 dwellings pursuant to application 1/0478/2017/OUTM - \(Revised plans and additional plans\) | Land South Of Fairfield Ashwater Devon \(torridge.gov.uk\)](https://www.torridge.gov.uk/1/0660/2021/REMM%20Reserved%20matters%20application%20for%2022%20dwellings%20pursuant%20to%20application%201/0478/2017/OUTM%20-%20(Revised%20plans%20and%20additional%20plans)%20Land%20South%20Of%20Fairfield%20Ashwater%20Devon)

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## Ashwater Camera Club - Calendar 2022

Mon 21st March - Tash - Forced Perspective (bring an item with you, details to follow).

Tue 19th April - Mike - to be decided.

Sat 14th May - Picnic at Bude 7pm, Mike to do Flash session.

Mon 16th May - Tash - Mini landscapes using lego and veg.

Sat 11th June - Okehampton Castle 3pm, followed by Railway cafe.

Mon 20th June - outside - Ivan's friends farm.

Sat 9th July - Dunslan House Gardens 10am

Mon 18th July - outside - Mal - cyanotypes, sun/UV light.

Sat 6th Aug- Davidstow Airport 10.30am

Mon 15th August - outside - Mike - Shutter speed creating ghosts.

Mon 19th Sept - Talk - to be decided.

Mon 17th Oct - Talk - to be decided.

Mon 21st Nov - Show 10 best photos of the year.

Mon 19th Dec - AGM/ Xmas meal

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## Holsworthy Walk and Talk

February can sometimes feel that the only good thing about it is that it is very short. However, our programme of walks is looking forward to spring with the Snowdrop Walk at Dunslan Park scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> February, followed by a selection of other venues throughout the month.

With the festivities behind us and the days getting longer it is a good time to think about increasing activity and meeting new people to enhance our well-being. A piece of research on the benefits of physical exercise has recently been published by a team from Queensland, Australia who have been looking

loss of these cells is a major contributor to the development of dementia.

Walking with others is a good way to stimulate the little grey cells. Apparently, the great writers J R R Tolkein and C S Lewis often walked together to discuss ideas. From one such conversation The Chronicles of Narnia were created. Although this time of the year can be a bit chilly, a woolly hat is a good way to keep the little grey cells warm and who knows what masterpieces may be created on our weekly walks?

We walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am and are FREE. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leader prior to the start of the walk.

Our website has lots of up to date information, details below.

[holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com)

<http://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk>

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## Holsworthy Rural Policing Update

### 1/11/21 – 31/12/21:

The following crimes have been reported:

There were 10 domestic related crimes reported during this period.

#### **ASHWATER:**

1 x Theft of motor vehicle

#### **BRADFORD:**

1 x Burglary other than dwelling

1 x Going equipped for burglary

1 x Possess bladed article in a public place

#### **BRADWORTHY:**

2 x Communications offence

1 x Import goods with intent to evade prohibition

#### **BRIDGERULE:**

1 x Harassment without violence

**HALWILL:**

- 1 x Criminal damage to motor vehicle
- 1 x Import goods with intent to evade prohibition

**HOLLACOMBE:**

- 1 x Burglary other than dwelling

**HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS:**

- 3 x Burglary other than dwelling
- 1 x Theft of property nameplate
- 1 x Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm
- 1 x Dog causing injury in a private place
- 1 x Assault by beating
- 1 x Theft - other

**PANCRASWEEK:**

- 1 x Owner of dog dangerously out of control

**PYWORTHY:**

- 3 x Burglary other than dwelling

**SHEEPWASH:**

- 1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour

**ST. GILES ON THE HEATH:**

- 1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour
- 1 x Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm

**TETCOTT:**

- 1 x Communications offence

**THORNBURY:**

- 1 x Theft – other
- 3 x Burglary other than dwelling
- 1 x Import goods with intent to evade prohibition

**WEST PUTFORD:**

- 1 x Use threatening/abusive/insulting words or behaviour

Sadly, the last couple of months has seen a spate of burglaries from outbuildings across our area. An arrest has been made in relation to the going equipped for burglary offence and investigations are ongoing into these incidents. We would ask residents to remain extremely vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to us, using one of the methods detailed below.

**Crime prevention advice is available on our website:**

[Rural crime | Devon and Cornwall Police \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

**If you have an incident to report:**

**Phone the Police on 101**

**Email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)**

Crimes can also be reported via our website:

<https://services.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crimereporting/>

Information can be passed using this link:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/report-something/>

Or by calling Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111

PCSO Mark James, Holsworthy Police Station,

[torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

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## Parish Hall Bookings and Enquiries

Email: [ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com) Tel: 07787 290 292



## The Parish Hall is now registered as a charity with AmazonSmile

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Ashwater Parish Hall CIO.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon – same products, same prices!

All you need to do is to go to: [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk). Log into your Amazon account as normal and choose Ashwater Parish Hall CIO as your charity.

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