

Ashwater Newsletter – January 2020

JANUARY EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL unless otherwise stated

- 2nd Pub Lunch 12.30pm
- The Village Inn
- 3rd Coffee Morning 10.30am
Steel Band 6.30pm
- 8th Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
- 9th Ladies Skittles 7.30pm
- 10th Coffee Morning & Wendy's
Knitting demonstration 10.30am
- 11th Cider and Pasty Walk 2.30pm
- 13th VE Day Meeting 7.30pm
- 14th Mens Skittles 7.30pm
- 17th Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 18th Steel Band invitation to try
playing a steel pan 2pm - 4pm
- 20th Camera Club
- 24th Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 31st Coffee Morning 10.30am

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

Email:
ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com
Tel: 07787 290 292

ASHWATER SHOP Tel: 01409 211 192 Shop Hours

Mon – Fri: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Sat: 8.30am - 12 noon
Sun: 9am - 12 noon

Post Office Hours

Mon – Thurs: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Fri: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Sat: Closed
Sun: Closed

Newsletter Contributions

Deadline for the next Newsletter is

Friday 24th January

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Happy New Year

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

CIDER AND PASTY WALK

To start the New Year there will be Cider and Pasty Walk on Saturday 11th January 2020, starting at the Parish Hall, at 2.30pm.

This will be a circular walk of about an hour in duration commencing and ending at the Parish Hall followed by pasties, cider or soft drinks, tea and coffee.

The event will be free to Members and £2.00 for non-members who are welcome to accompany us or join the society for just £5.00 or £7.00 a couple.

If any existing members have yet to pay their subscriptions, they can do this on the day.

Please book in advance to help with catering provision:

Telephone 01409 221073 Email ibuxton16@btinternet.com

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

The annual plant sale will be at the Parish Hall during the morning of Saturday 9th May, please set up few seedlings in readiness as all proceeds go towards the show in August.

VISIT TO GREENWAY

We are also going to arrange a visit to Agatha Christie's house, Greenway once details have been finalised. This is a National Trust property and members of NT get entry price concessions, we could also qualify for a group discount rate for a party of 15 or more.

KEEP EMAILING YOUR VISIT, EVENT, SPEAKER & HORTICULTURAL IDEAS

To Sara Appleton: appletonsara34@gmail.com

ASHWATER COMMUNITY STEEL BAND

The Ashwater Community Steel Band would like to invite you to come and try playing a steel pan from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, on Saturday January 18th, 2020.

We guarantee that Chris will have you playing within 10 minutes. You will be allocated a band member to help each of you, so there is no chance you will feel that you won't be able to play successfully. Be assured that it will be an enjoyable experience which will cheer you up from those post Christmas blues.

Remember, adults (all ages) and children (8 years plus) are all welcome, we can cater for wheelchair users and anyone who is unable to stand for any period of time, pans can be played perfectly well from a chair.

Do come from 2.00 pm to 4.00pm, we look forward to meeting you.

Tony and Chris March 01409 211340.

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ASHWATER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 7th December was a fabulous day with our Christmas Extravaganza in the daytime and the Gift Auction in the evening. The incredible hard work of the PTFA, well and truly paid off. Ashwater School was turned into a winter wonderland, with our visit from Father Christmas, his elf and reindeer.

Many thanks to Dannii Simmonds for bringing the beautiful reindeer, which made the event so special. Thanks also to the stall holders, staff, parents, children and community members who helped make this such a splendid day.

GIFT AUCTION

We are also grateful to The Village Inn for hosting the Gift Auction which was a wonderful success, with nearly £3,200 being raised for our Pre-School.

I am humbled by the hard work and efforts of the PTFA in organising this event and by the generosity of those who donated and bid. The community spirit surrounding our school is something very special indeed.



NEXT TERM

The first day for the children will be Tuesday 7th January. We are now opening for a full day on Wednesdays for our Pre-School children.

All the children have been learning how to keep healthy in their 'Sugar Smarts' lessons. Our newly introduced Breakfast Health Club, has proved very popular and provides parents with child care options before school.

From January, Class 1 (including Pre-School) will begin with the weekly 'Wild Tribe' session on Friday mornings. Please ensure to send children in with the following kit, otherwise it will get very damp and uncomfortable:

long trousers / leggings (waterproof trousers but no jeans)
long sleeves tops and layers for colder weather
waterproof coat & wellies.

Both classes will continue to have Dance with Jess Squire and will require PE kits for this. They will also have Yoga on Tuesday afternoons and will also need PE kits.

Term dates for 2020 – 2021 are on our website.

EARLY YEARS ADVISOR VISIT

We have had a visit from an Early Years adviser from County. She came to look at the new set up of the Pre-School as part of our Foundation Stage Unit. I am pleased to say that she was very positive about the provision and particularly praiseworthy of Mrs Westlake as a practitioner and Mrs Cawsey's teaching and organisation of learning so that all the children from 2 years to 7 years get a good quality education. Well done also to Mrs Barrett for her support to all the children.

ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH - ST PETER AD VINCULA

Church Services in January:

Sunday 5th Holy communion9:30am

Sunday 12th Family Service.9.30am

Saturday 19th Morning Worship.9.30pm

Sunday 26th Morning Worship9:30am

All are welcome to attend

CHURCH NEWS

It is with regret that the PCC has decided to discontinue the Link Scheme as from January 2020.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who have supported us over the years and have helped raise useful funds for the church. Sadly the numbers contributing have declined over the years making it hardly worthwhile. Our thanks also go to Dave Drowne and his late and much missed wife Christine who ran the scheme in the latter years.

Winners of the final draw: £25 Mrs E. Tidby, £10 Mr P. Marshall
£5 Mrs S. Marshall, £5 Ms T. Moon.

SOUP LUNCHES

We are holding soup lunches in the Parish Hall on the last Friday of January, February and March. Why not come along and enjoy wholesome home cooked food and good company.

ASHWATER VILLAGE SHOP - SHOP TALK

We hope all our customers enjoyed a Merry Christmas and may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year. It's not too late to stock up on your desired tittle to help you see in the New Year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The shop is once again in need of some more volunteers. So if you can spare a couple of hours each week we would love to hear from you. There are many different types of jobs we need help with from serving in the shop, unloading stock when it arrives, cleaning etc.

If you are interested in helping please speak to John, the shop manager, or call him on 01409 211192.

FOOD BANK

Lastly, if any of your unwanted Christmas presents included items of food, please think of the food bank who would be very grateful for all donations. The shop can take collections for the food bank, next time you are passing why not drop them in.

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CAMERA CLUB

In January we will each be showing 10 of our best photos of the year on the projector screen. We will also be finalising the trips to be taken over the year and the monthly meetings. New members are welcome to come along and see our photos, discuss what we do, how we work and talk about membership. 2020 membership is only £15 plus a further £1 each month to cover coffee/tea and biscuits and buys a raffle ticket.

WHAT WE DO AND HOW TO JOIN US

Mal, our Chairman, has made a comprehensive folder of information and photos about the club which will be left in the hall for people to find out more about what we do and how to join us.

This year we would like to offer anyone with a new camera the opportunity of coming along to a session for advice, technical help and hopefully a lot of fun! Likewise, we would like to run some Saturday clinics for children to teach them about photography.

If you are interested in either of these sessions please email: ashwatercameraclub@gmail.com to arrange when you can come along.

APPEAL FOR OLD PHOTOS OF LOCAL BYGONE TIMES

The Camera Club would like to appeal to all residents of the Parish who have lived here a long time! We are looking for old black and white or sepia photos of the area and any old photos showing locals at work or play would also be great.

We hope with the wizardry of modern technology to be able to take copies and try to improve the quality of those in a poor state. Then with your consent, we wish to exhibit them later in the year in the hall, to give a real flavour of the village in a bygone era. We also hope, if we have sufficient suitable photos, to use them for next years calendar.

Please email before February 10th:
ashwatercameraclub@gmail.com

TORRINGTON MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 16th January 2020, at the Village Inn.

Arrive 1.15pm and Depart 1.45pm

For more information or copies of the Timetable in large print:

Telephone 0345 155 1001

Email: info@devonlibrariesunlimited.org.uk

Website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk

LADIES SKITTLES

We will play one week later in January 2020, on Thursday 9th January, starting at 7.30pm.

We welcome all ladies that would like to join us for a friendly evening of skittles.

THE VILLAGE INN LUNCH

Please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day. Join us from 12.30pm for the very reasonably priced two course meal.

Call Phil and Dee on 01409 211 200.

MEN'S SKITTLES

We will play on Tuesday 14th January, games start at 7:30pm.

Contact: Terry Darby 01409 211 229, Bob Griggs 01409 211 213

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

Our walk on 22 November saw 28 of us at Roadford Lake. We were not able to use our usual trail due to forestry works but instead walked across the dam and then followed the footpath through Goodacre Woods to the Outdoor Activity Centre. Here we inspected the recently installed wooden sculpture of an American Signal Crayfish.

Traditionally New Year is the time for making Resolutions which often don't last too long! We recommend resolving to walk occasionally or, preferably, frequently with us when the benefits, both physically and psychologically, could benefit for a lifetime. All walks are free so no expensive outlay involved just a sensible pair of shoes and a rain coat especially at this time of the year!

All our walks are graded to suit most abilities as shown on our programmes. Grade 1 walks are for those needing to get into exercise following illness or injury, Level 2 walks are about 2.5 miles in length with moderately level terrain and Level 3 walks can be challenging over three miles taking around 90 minutes to complete. Just come along to any of our walks when you will always receive a warm welcome.

For further information please contact Gillian Aston on: 01409 254642 or www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

Torrige Refuse & Recycling CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DATES

Normal collection day	Black bags will be collected	Recycling will be collected
Mon 23 Dec 2019	Mon 23 Dec 2019	Mon 23 Dec 2019
Tue 24 Dec 2019	Tue 24 Dec 2019	Tue 24 Dec 2019
Wed 25 Dec 2019	Tue 24 Dec 2019	Thurs 2 Jan 2020
Thurs 26 Dec 2019	Fri 27 Dec 2019	Fri 3 Jan 2020
Fri 27 Dec 2019	Fri 27 Dec 2019	Fri 27 Dec 2019
Mon 30 Dec 2019	Mon 30 Dec 2019	Mon 30 Dec 2019
Tue 31 Dec 2019	Tue 31 Dec 2019	Tue 31 Dec 2019
Wed 1 Jan 2020	Thurs 2 Jan 2020	Thurs 2 Jan 2020
Thurs 2 Jan 2020	Fri 3 Jan 2020	Fri 3 Jan 2020
Fri 3 Jan 2020	Sat 4 Jan 2020	Sat 4 Jan 2020

There will be no garden waste (green wheelie bin) collections between Monday 23rd December and Friday 3rd January. Collections will restart on the normal day from 6th January. Thank you!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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LOVE YOUR LAKES PHOTO COMPETITION 2019

The South West Lakes Trust and South West Water 'Love your Lakes' 2019 photo competition ran from May to September and received over 180 entries.

The competition, now in its seventh year, encourages people of all ages to make the most of the fantastic photo opportunities at their lakes across Devon, Cornwall, West Somerset and Dorset. All photos were taken at one of South West Lakes Trust's sites. Photos will be displayed from December to the end of January at Roadford Café and Venue.

Winning photos from 2019 will feature in a calendar which will be available to purchase from Roadford Lake.

For more information, please visit www.swlakestrust.org.uk or call 01566 771930.

ACTIVE OUTDOORS

1st : Erik Tolboom, 'Boats at Roadford Lake'

2nd : Josh Maddison, 'Reservoir Ruminations', Kennick

3rd : Keir Beeson, 'Paddlers', Roadford Lake

DISCOVERING LOCAL CULTURE

1st : Mark Tolboom, 'Meldon Starscape'

2nd : Pete Grant, 'Evening Reflections', Roadford Lake

3rd : Barrie Smith, 'Calm before the Storm', Wimbleball Lake



© Mark Tolboom, 'Meldon Starscape'



© Erik Tolboom, 'Boats at Roadford Lake'

LOVE YOUR LAKES

1st : Sam Hussey, Kennick

2nd : Hudson Swan, 'Sentinels of the Past', Colliford Lake

3rd : Peter Morrison, 'Sunset over Trenchford'

PLAY AND EXPLORE

1st : Tara Busby-Price, 'Leaf it Out', Burrator

2nd : Julia Amies-Green, 'Early Morning Exploring', Wimbleball

3rd : Vicki Chappell, Wimbleball

PRIZE FOR THE MOST PUBLIC VOTES

£50 was awarded to Christian Lawson for his photograph of Longham Lakes.

ASHWATER AGRICULTURAL SHOW SHOW SECRETARY VACANCY

If you enjoy country life, meeting and talking to people, are hard working, have a good sense of humour and like social events, this is the job for you!

This is a paid, part time position, about 40 hours per the year, quieter in winter, busy in the spring and summer months.

Please contact Pat May: 07811 283 736

ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Ashwater Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

VE DAY 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Thank you to all those on the committee, we would like other people to come forward and join us with ideas and support.

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