

Ashwater Newsletter – February 2020

FEBRUARY EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL unless otherwise stated

- 4th Mens Skittles 7.30pm
6th Pub Lunch 12.30pm
- The Village Inn
Ladies Skittles 7.30pm
7th Coffee Morning 10.30am
Steel Band 6.30pm
12th Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
14th Coffee Morning & Wendy's
Knitting demonstration 10.30am
17th Camera Club
21st Coffee Morning 10.30am
25th Mens Skittles 7.30pm
28th 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

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ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at Ashwater Parish Hall on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

ASHWATER VILLAGE SHOP SHOP TALK VALENTINE'S DAY

Calling all romantics!

You still have time to find that special gift for your Valentine.

We offer a choice of pink and normal bubbly, a wide variety of delicious chocolates, fabulous pamper kits, beautiful leather purses and luxurious candles. Along with a wide choice of romantic cards, All now available at your Village Shop.

Get in quick while stocks last!



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ASHWATER VILLAGE SHOP 2019 AGM

The Shop's AGM went ahead in November 2019.

The following officers were elected for 2020:

Chairman – Stuart Marwood
Secretary – Diana Snartt
Treasurer – Fiona Grose
Shop Manager – John Lowe

The audited annual accounts for 2018/19 were presented and approved.

Stuart thanked the previous Chair of the Shop (Rachel Martyn) for her leadership and infectious enthusiasm over the previous two years, which in summary saw Ashwater Village Shop receive a fabulous national award from the Plunkett Foundation for "Investing in Local People", and also raise substantial amounts of money for Charity.

Stuart also thanked all of the shop staff, including our Shop Manager and the dedication of our volunteers who are an essential part of the shop's day to day existence.

We are always looking to raise our bank of volunteers, even if you only have a couple of hours per week. Please speak to our Shop Manager, John Lowe. 2020 will also see the shop investing in 21st Century technologies to assist John, the staff and the treasurer in delivering a first class shop to our local community. So watch this space!

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.

Telephone Phil and Dee on 01409 211 200.

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We are busy planning an exciting year for you all, which we'll promote in future issues of the Newsletter and on social media...watch this space!

TIME CAPSULE(S)

On Sunday 29th March we welcome you all to join us for the re-burial of the Time Capsule which will be accompanied by a new one, put together by the present school children of Ashwater Primary School.

Please join us for cream teas between 2.00 to 4.00pm when the two Time Capsules will be buried by our special guest!!

LET US KNOW YOUR IDEAS

We are always happy to help and available to take bookings on the numbers provided, and if there is anything you would like to see and/or do in your Parish Hall please let us know.

CAMERA CLUB

BROOKE SHADEN

We will be screening a video on the North American fine art photographer Brooke Shaden. The start time is 7.30pm. Although this is a Camera Club event all are welcome.

COMPETITION REMINDER

The deadline for the calendar competition entries is Saturday 15th February - a box for the entries will be available in the Village Shop.

The winners will be announced at the camera club meeting on Monday 17th February.

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.

Email before February 10th: ashwatercameraclub@gmail.com



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ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH - ST PETER AD VINCULA

Church Services in February:

Sunday 2nd Licensing Service of Stephen Skinner*4.00pm

Sunday 9th Holy Communion9.30am

Sunday 16th Morning Worship9:30am

Sunday 23rd Family Service.9:30am

All are welcome to attend

CHURCH NEWS

***Rev Stephen Skinner** has been appointed as Interim Priest in Charge for the Benefices of Black Torrington and Ashwater.

The Licensing Service at 4pm on the 2nd February is an excellent opportunity for parishioners to extend him a warm welcome to Ashwater. Please come along, show your support, and partake of the refreshments that will be available in church after the service.

Stephen will be taking the Holy Communion service on the following Sunday 9th February.

Soup & Sweet Lunches will again be served in the Parish Hall on Friday 28th February, from 12.30pm until 2.00pm. A charge of £5 a head going towards church funds. It is all home made and delicious. Please come along and support us. If you cannot make our February lunch there will be another chance on Friday 27th March.

Christmas Eve afternoon saw the **Pop up Crib Service** well attended by 70+ Adults and children. Many came dressed as their favourite Nativity character, so there were many Shepherds, Angels, Kings, cattle etc. and even a real live Jesus. The story of the Nativity was told in a unique way which ensured everyone taking part, with movement around the church, with singing and a good helping of laughter, all followed by a goodly supply of refreshments. Not to be missed if repeated in 2020.

Please check the church notice board for events in 2020.

ASHWATER COMMUNITY STEEL BAND

The Ashwater Community Steel band visited Broadwoodwidge Church in December to perform their unique "Caribbean Christmas", which is becoming widely acclaimed. This performance saw a visit from Dr Who (alias Rowan Tidball) and his assistant (alias Dr Cathie Bowness) and Dr Who, having mis-calculated his co-ordinates, arrived in several different locations in time during the Christmas story, finally arriving at the Nativity in the Caribbean.

Several folks turned up to the "Come and Try" session on the 18th January this year and were amazed how quickly they learnt to play. It wasn't long before they were playing a very professional accompaniment with band members.

The next practice is Friday 7th February at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Chris and Tony March.

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ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Following a successful (but muddy) Cider and Pasty Walk in January the next event will be a visit to Agatha Christie's House and Gardens at Greenway.

A provisional date has been set for Saturday April 25th 2020 when it is envisaged, we will car share to Dartmouth and catch the morning ferry to Greenway and return in the late afternoon.

Details and prices will be posted in the March Newsletter.

This is a National Trust property so NT Members will not have to pay the entrance fee to Greenway.

TORRINGTON MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 13th February 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

ASHWATER SCHOOL

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Following the success of last year's Grandparents' Day, we will be holding this again on Wednesday 25th March. Please ask grandparents to save the date. An invitation with timings and details will follow in the March Newsletter.

RUGBY OPPORTUNITY AT HOLSWORTHY COLLEGE

Year 5 & 6 girls have been invited by Holsworthy College to attend an open session on Monday 27th January from 3:30pm to 4:40pm on the AstroTurf, run by Jude Daniel.

Jude will run an introductory session which will hopefully inspire the girls to take up rugby outside of school and when they start college.

Please note, it will be parents' responsibility to take girls to the session and oversee them whilst they are there. Please kindly inform the School Office, if you would like your daughter to attend and they will let Holsworthy College know. Early collection from Ashwater will also be automatically approved, if your daughter is attending.

LADIES SKITTLES

We are back to playing on the first Thursday of the month, on Thursday 6th February, starting at 7.30pm.

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

MEN'S SKITTLES

We will play on Tuesdays in February as follows:

4th February Home to Northlew A & B teams

11th February Away to Bude

18th February Away to Bridgerule

25th February Home to Thornbury

Games start at 7:30pm.

Contact for more information:

Terry Darby 01409 211 229, Bob Griggs 01409 211 213

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB

Home games are 2.30pm Kick Off:

15th February - Taw Park

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

For those whose New Year resolutions are beginning to fade we have our new walk 2020 programme from March to June available to whet your enthusiasm.

There have been a few changes to the programme mostly to address some of the parking issues which have arisen due to the popularity of the walks in 2019. Some starting points have been changed so please check the programme before setting out, or contact a walk leader if you are unsure.

Another new initiative is that we have introduced a choice of starting points on our Ruby Way on the 20th March 2020 which will offer the option of different levels of walk to suit different abilities. The Level 3 option starts at 10.30am from outside Holsworthy Museum and then takes the footpath incorporating quite a steep ravine over the river, and out onto the A3079 by 10.45 am. Here Level 2 walkers can join us at the lay-by at Coles Mill to walk the Ruby Way together.

Another way to address limited parking is to car share with some other walkers. This is also a good way for new walkers to be introduced to the venues, some of which may be difficult to find even with the post codes. Walking in a group has many physical and psychological benefits. To be able to share transport can also enhance the camaraderie of the day introducing an additional social aspect.

Downloaded programmes from www.walkingforhealth.org.uk also available in local venues such as Holsworthy Library and Tourist Information Centre.

Any queries please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642 or email holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com

STAGECOACH ROUTE CONSULTATION

Stagecoach have started a public consultation on proposed changes to some of their services. These are published on Stagecoach's web site, accessible via this link:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/south-west>

This is a review by Stagecoach of their commercially operated services. There is no review of financially supported services operated under contract to the County Council. However, decisions arising from Stagecoach's review could prompt a requirement for new or altered County-supported service commitments.

Public transport in Devon: www.new.devon.gov.uk/travel
Traveline: 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.info

Concessionary Bus Travel: 01392 383688

Website: www.devon.gov.uk/nationalbuspass

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HOLSWORTHY RURAL POLICING UPDATE

01:11:19 to 31:12:19

The following crimes have been reported:

- BRADFORD: Burglary from outbuilding
- BRIDGERULE: Dog worrying livestock + Common assault
- HOLSWORTHY HAMLETS: Theft of used batteries
- HALWILL: Dog not under proper control
- ST. GILES ON THE HEATH: 2 x Burglary from outbuilding + Attempted burglary from outbuilding + Burglary to dwelling
- TETCOTT: Harassment without violence

There are a few burglaries on the update again this time. We advise members of the public to always be vigilant, and to contact us if you see anything suspicious - call 999 if it is ongoing call or email 101 if the information is non-urgent.

Crime prevention advice, with links to Farm Watch and property marking, can be found on our website: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-community/stop-rural-crime/>

DEVON & CORNWALL ALERT SERVICE

This is a two way community messaging system operated by Devon and Cornwall Police. The system helps us to connect with our communities, it tells people what is happening in their

area and allows them to respond directly with any information. The system is designed to allow people who register to choose the type of information they would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, crime prevention, community events and local good news. Subscribers will not be notified about every crime or incident that happens in their community. Our aim is to send relevant information where we believe to do so will reduce the opportunity for crime and anti-social behaviour or will help Devon and Cornwall Police solve a crime.

Members of our community can sign up via the Devon & Cornwall Police website:

<https://devonandcornwallpcc.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/> or by contacting the Holsworthy team:

PC Amanda Brown & PCSO Mark James, Holsworthy Police Station, torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

If you have an incident to report, don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101, or email 101@dc.police.uk for non-emergencies. Always call 999 if you see a crime taking place.

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ASHWATER VE DAY 2020 CELEBRATIONS

Two events are in the planning for Ashwater Parish to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

On Friday 8th May we will be holding a Tea Party on the Village Green

We would like as many people as possible to attend. Please bring and share a savoury or sweet. Drinks will be provided. We hope to have children's games and dancing round a Maypole.

2.30pm: Everyone gathers on the Ashwater Village Green

2.55pm: The last post will be played and reading of names on the war memorial, read by Rev Stephen Skinner

3.00pm: "The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2"

3.05pm to 5.00pm Tea party celebration

Please fill in the slip below and hand it into the Ashwater Village Shop to let us know the savoury or sweet dish that you will be bringing to the Tea Party.

On Saturday 9th May there will be a Ceilidh held in the Parish Hall - 7.00pm start

Music will be performed by "Spinach for Norman" from Bratton Clovelly.

Tickets to include a pasty are £4.00 per person, family ticket £10.00 available from the Ashwater Village Shop.

Please buy your tickets in advance as we need to order the pasties.

VE Day Tea Party 8th May 2020

Name:

Email/Phone:

I will bring:

