

# Ashwater Newsletter – December 2019

## DECEMBER EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL - unless otherwise stated

- 2nd** Christmas Wreath Making 7.00pm
- 5th** Pub Lunch 12.30pm  
- The Village Inn  
Ladies Skittles 7.30pm
- 6th** Christmas Order Deadline 5.00pm  
- The Village Shop  
Coffee Morning 10.30am  
Steel Band 6.30pm
- 8th** Steel Band performance 5.30pm  
- Broadwoodwidge Church
- 10th** Men's Skittles 7.30pm
- 11th** Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
- 12th** General Election
- 13th** Coffee Morning & Wendy's Knitting demonstration 10.30am  
Steel Band performance Waitrose Holsworthy 2.00pm to 9.00pm  
Cinema THE GOLDFINCH 7pm
- 14th** Christmas High Tea 2.30pm  
- Ashwater Church
- 16th** Camera Club AGM 7.00pm
- 17th** Men's Skittles 7.30pm
- 19th** Parish Hall Trustees meeting 7.30pm
- 20th** Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 24th** Crib Service 4.00pm  
- Ashwater Church
- 27th** Coffee Morning 10.30am

**PARISH HALL - Bookings & Enquiries**  
E: ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com  
T: 07787 290 292

## VILLAGE SHOP - 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 & Sun:** Closed

### Festive Opening

**Tues 24th** 8.30am to 1.00pm  
**Wed 25th** CLOSED  
**Thur 26th** 8.30am to 10.30am  
**Tues 31st** 8.30am to 5.00pm  
**Wed 1st** 8.30am to 10.30am

## ASHWATER SCHOOL PTFA GIFT AUCTION

**Saturday 7th December, from 8.00pm, at The Village Inn**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated or purchased at this event. We really do appreciate your continued support.

**To make a bid: Please email e.c.harris@hotmail.co.uk with your Name, Contact Details, Lot number and your bid.**

Silent bids before the auction date are welcomed: Just place your silent bid in the box provided at the Village Inn before the event.

On the evening of the event payment can be made by either cash or cheque.

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| <p><b>Lot 1</b> Pony ride<br/>- from Broomhill Manor Stables</p> <p><b>Lot 2</b> 6 square bales of haylage<br/>- from Holland Hay and Haylage</p> <p><b>Lot 3</b> Hamper<br/>- from Sarah Grylls and Ambrosia</p> <p><b>Lot 4</b> Bull's head poker for the fire<br/>- from Andy and Debbie Kemp</p> <p><b>Lot 5</b> ½ a lamb for the freezer<br/>- from Dan and Emma Kirk</p> <p><b>Lot 6</b> £20 nails/hair voucher<br/>- from Amberellas, Holsworthy</p> <p><b>Lot 7</b> Crafted Christmas Glass<br/>- from Steph Cole</p> <p><b>Lot 8</b> Voucher for dog's bed to be washed<br/>- from South West Equine Laundry</p> <p><b>Lot 9</b> 1 day sea fishing for 1 person in Looe<br/>- from Robert Binns</p> <p><b>Lot 10</b> 3 x Trethorne Leisure Park tickets</p> <p><b>Lot 11</b> Personalised mug<br/>- from Owen Martyn</p> <p><b>Lot 12</b> Own a racehorse for the day<br/>- from Tony and Pauline Geering</p> <p><b>Lot 13</b> 2 adult tickets - Devon County Show</p> <p><b>Lot 14</b> Family Line up drawing<br/>- from Dannee Bird</p> <p><b>Lot 15</b> Bird Table<br/>- from Mole Valley Farmers</p> <p><b>Lot 16</b> JCB toy - from Bob Oates</p> <p><b>Lot 17</b> Christmas pudding<br/>- from Naomi Holland</p> <p><b>Lot 18</b> Pony ride<br/>- from Broomhill Manor Stables</p> <p><b>Lot 19</b> ½ a lamb for the freezer<br/>- from Dan and Emma Kirk</p> <p><b>Lot 20</b> 2 x Homemade desserts, serves 8<br/>- from Jenny Harris</p> <p><b>Lot 21</b> Ride on Dartmoor<br/>- from Chowill Riding Stables</p> <p><b>Lot 22</b> Wash &amp; re-waterproof horse turn-out rug<br/>- from South West Equine Laundry</p> <p><b>Lot 23</b> Hamper of local produce<br/>- from Ashwater Village Shop</p> <p><b>Lot 24</b> 3 night stay at Dartlake View, for up to 6 people<br/>- from Nicola &amp; Martin Bridgman</p> <p><b>Lot 25</b> Bottle of port<br/>- from Naomi Holland</p> | <p><b>Lot 26</b> 4 x bags of 25kg NWF Sheep nuts<br/>- from Dean James</p> <p><b>Lot 27</b> J Deere Tractor &amp; trailer and Gator Toys - from Smallridges</p> <p><b>Lot 28</b> General building type work (2 men/8 hour day) - from R Mitchell</p> <p><b>Lot 29</b> 6 x round bales of haylage<br/>- from Holland Hay and Haylage</p> <p><b>Lot 30</b> Hamper - from NFU</p> <p><b>Lot 31</b> Box of chocolates<br/>- from Bassett and Sluggett</p> <p><b>Lot 32</b> 2 nights glamping - from Alistair Kirk<br/>£30 bid already received</p> <p><b>Lot 33</b> 5 Hours welding - From Ryan Gay</p> <p><b>Lot 34</b> 1 x 8ft Wheat Straw bale (approx. 600kg) - from Luke Furse</p> <p><b>Lot 35</b> Log Carving - from Mark Colwill</p> <p><b>Lot 36</b> Jewellery set - from Nicola Bridgman</p> <p><b>Lot 37</b> Teenage Cancer Research T-shirt design by Sophie Brampton<br/>- from Helen Brampton</p> <p><b>Lot 38</b> Exterior House Window Clean<br/>- from Brett Debell</p> <p><b>Lot 39</b> 2 x Homemade desserts, serves 8<br/>- from Jenny Harris</p> <p><b>Lot 40</b> 10 tons corn milling or 2 hours slurry tanking<br/>- from Chris Hall Contracting</p> <p><b>Lot 41</b> Children's ride on tractor<br/>- from Alan Snow</p> <p><b>Lot 42</b> 2 hours of hedge trimming<br/>- from Lark Plant</p> <p><b>Lot 43</b> Pony ride<br/>- from Broomhill Manor Stables</p> <p><b>Lot 44</b> 6 square bales of Hay<br/>- from Holland Hay and Haylage</p> <p><b>Lot 45</b> Lamb for the freezer<br/>- Antony Dawkins &amp; Donna Penwill</p> <p><b>Lot 46</b> Meal at the Village Inn, Ashwater<br/>- from Phil and Dee</p> <p><b>Lot 47</b> Dumpy bag of logs - Paul Moon</p> <p><b>Lot 48</b> 2 Tickets to the Milky Way<br/>- from the Milky Way</p> <p><b>Lot 49</b> £20 Meal Voucher at The Arcscott Arms - from The Arcscott Arms</p> <p><b>Lot 50</b> 2 x £5 vouchers for HATS theatre in Holsworthy - from Jodie Lawson</p> <p><b>Lot 51</b> Wheelbarrow full of Beers and Spirits</p> |
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**SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER, 11.00am to 2.00pm**

**Christmas Extravaganza at Ashwater School**

Craft stalls, Craft activities for the Children, Santa's real reindeer and Father Christmas himself will be popping in for the children to meet him.  
Christmas Music with festive Drinks and Mince Pies.

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## CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

The popular Ashwater Horticultural Society Christmas Wreath Making will take place on Monday 2nd December 2019, from 7.00pm, in the Parish Hall. Festive refreshments of mulled wine, tea, coffee and seasonal pastries will be served.

The straw base, ribbons and accessories are all provided, please bring a trug of foliage and pair of secateurs. Members £5.00 and non-members £6.00 per wreath to cover materials and costs.

Booking is required, please email Rhonda: fordafrys@msn.com

Sara Appleton now has an email address, and is looking forward to hearing about your visit and event ideas, speaker suggestions and anything else horticultural. Please email her at: appletonsara34@gmail.com

## ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH - ST PETER AD VINCULA

Church Services in December:

<b>Sunday 1st</b> Morning Worship	9:30am
<b>Sunday 8th</b> Morning Worship	9.30am
<b>Saturday 14th</b> Christmas High Tea	2.30pm
<b>Sunday 15th</b> Family Service	9:30am
<b>Sunday 22th</b> Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 24th</b> Annual Crib Service	4.00pm
<b>Tuesday 24th</b> Combined Benefice Service at Black Torrington (Communion)	6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 25th</b> Informal Christmas Day service	9.30am
<b>Sunday 29th</b> Candlelit Service at Luffincott	7.00pm



**Stacey's  
Christmas Tree  
Farm**

Open from 23rd November,  
seven days a week,  
9.00am – 5.30pm.  
[www.staceyschristmastreefarm.com](http://www.staceyschristmastreefarm.com)  
Tel: 01409 211 467

Father Christmas will be visiting us on:  
Weekends: 30th Nov/1st Dec and 7th/8th  
Saturday: 10:30am - 3:30pm  
Sunday: 11:00am - 3:30pm

**Christmas High Tea Saturday 14th December from 2.30pm**  
Join us for a high quality, delicious tea for each person. We are hoping for an indication of numbers attending to help ensure ample supplies of refreshments. Tickets are available from The Village Shop, Wendy Darby and Chris March. We can take payment on the door, but we would love to be able to guarantee having the full range of delights available.

## Annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm.

This year we are trying a different format which we hope will be fun for adults and children alike. Firstly a question for everyone - adults, cast your mind back to your primary school Nativity Plays, did you miss out playing one of the leading parts and finish up as a sheep, bird or some background 'thing'? Now's your chance to take a leading role! Please come dressed in the role you wish you'd played back then. We don't mind how many *Marys, Josephs, Shepherds, Inn Keepers* or *Wise Men* we have, the more the merrier. We hope children will enter into the fun of this too and be part of a large fancy dress Crib Service with great fun, laughter and of course the traditional setting up the stable scene.

## CHRISTMAS TREES IN ASHWATER CHURCH

Local families, groups, clubs, schools and individuals are invited to help decorate Ashwater Church with Christmas trees, traditional or otherwise. A chart is up in the church by the font showing positions for trees.

**For information please contact Liz Martin 01409 211240.**

## ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to thank Nigel and Edwina of **Stacey's Christmas Tree Farm** for generously providing the Christmas tree once again for the Village Green. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Ashwater Parish Hall on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm.

### ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

**Wishes Ashwater Parish A Very Festive Christmas  
& Prosperous 2020**

## ASHWATER VILLAGE SHOP - SHOP TALK

We've got Christmas sorted - visit the Village Shop for everything, including stocking fillers, delicious local food and drink, which can also make great hamper gifts, not to mention the all important alcohol! Stock up quickly, before it's gone and then sit back, relax and enjoy the festive holiday! If you can't find what you want - just ask John, he'll try to organise it!

**A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers who have so generously given their time to help in the Shop throughout the year, and especially over Christmas.**

**We wish all our customers A Very Merry Christmas (plenty of alcohol available at the shop to help you on your way) and a Happy New Year.**

**We look forward to your continued support in 2020.**

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## POP-UP CINEMA AT THE PARISH HALL - NEXT SCREENING IN DECEMBER

The next cinema evening at Ashwater Parish Hall is **THE GOLDFINCH**, to be screened on Friday 13th December, doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

**THE GOLDFINCH** is an adaptation of the Pulitzer prize winning book, starring Nicole Kidman. 13 year old New Yorker Theo Decker's life is turned upside down when his mother is killed in a terrorist attack at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Confused in the rubble of the tragedy, he steals a priceless piece of art known as The Goldfinch.

**Please support this local event and future-proof The Pop-Up Cinema Company UK holding monthly evening screenings at the Parish Hall.**

Tickets available on the door or in advance at [www.thepopupcinemacompany.co.uk](http://www.thepopupcinemacompany.co.uk) - just £5 for adults and £4 for concessions.

The Village Shop will again be providing drinks, snacks and Ice cream, and running a small bar for the evening - all proceeds to the Parish Hall and Village Shop.

**Please do let us know if you have suggestions of any other ways these events could raise additional funds for the village, we'd love to hear from you.**

## CAMERA CLUB

AGM in the Parish Hall 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
8.00pm onwards Christmas meal at The Village Inn.

## PARISH HALL

We'd like to say a big thank-you to Steve Furse for cutting the hedge around the car park last month, it looks great now. A belated thank you to Lin and Peter Jennings for tidying up the walk-way hedge to Dots Close. We'd also like to thank Peter Faulty for looking at, and advising us on the hearing loop in the Parish Hall.

### THE ASHWATER PARISH HALL TRUSTEES

Would like to thank everyone that has used and supported the Parish Hall this last year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## MEN'S SKITTLES

Tuesday nights from October to March, games start at 7:30pm.  
Contact: Terry Darby 01409 211 229, Bob Griggs 01409 211 213

## 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.



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## *The Goldfinch (Cert 15)*

*at Ashwater Parish Hall*

*on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December*

*Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7:30pm*

*Tickets: Adults £5, Concessions £4\* available on the door or in advance at*

*[www.thepopupcinemacompany.co.uk](http://www.thepopupcinemacompany.co.uk)*

*\*All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult*

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## LADIES SKITTLES

Cups were presented by Elizabeth Graham to Diane Buxton for highest overall score and the rose bowl for highest score in one evening. The cup for second highest score was presented to Maureen Still who also won the Agnes Gill shield in the knockout competition.



Left to Right: Marjorie Jones, Lyn Vallance, Celia Batista, Elizabeth Graham, Margaret Bengifield, Margaret May-Yates, Eileen Tidby, Diane Buxton, Wendy Darby, Maureen Still, Sue Jocelyn.

We play on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.

## HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

We will be walking on all Mondays and Fridays as usual over the Christmas and New Year period. So, no excuses for not walking off some of those extra calories before they become too attached to our waistlines!

All walks start at 10.30 am. The programme lists Friday walk venues. Monday walks start at Holsworthy Sports Pavilion.

**Further information: Gillian Aston 01409 254642**

The festive season can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones or had changes in circumstances. Walking in a group has been shown to be especially useful to help combat feelings of isolation and loneliness. Just come along to any of our walks when you will always receive a warm welcome and meet many interesting people.

**Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year**

## TORRINGTON MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 5th December. at the Village Inn  
Arrive 2.20pm and Depart 2.50pm

### Newsletter Contributions

Deadline for the next Newsletter is **Friday 21st December**

Please email to: [ashwaternewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ashwaternewsletter@gmail.com)

Thank you to the contributors and all those who distribute the Newsletter.

The Newsletter is available to download from the Ashwater Parish website: [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter)

## ASHWATER COMMUNITY STEEL BAND

We will play out 2019 with two performances:

Sunday 8th December in Broadwoodwidge Church, 5.30pm.

An all new production of our popular Caribbean Christmas, full of music and laughter.

Friday 13th December in Waitrose Holsworthy, from 2.00pm till closing at 9.00pm. We will perform for their special Christmas late night shopping and product tasting evening.

There is no practice in January 2020 but we are considering a "drop in and play" workshop sometime in January 2020 - more information in the January Newsletter and on posters.

**If we don't see you before, have a wonderful Christmas, from all the Band. Chris and Tony March 01409 211 340**

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ROADFORD LAKE

Celebrate Christmas at Roadford Lake!

Special Christmas Carvery every Sunday in December in the Burrator Room, with three scrumptious courses for £24.95.

To Book call: 01566 784859 or email: [info@roadfordlake.org.uk](mailto:info@roadfordlake.org.uk)

## ASHWATER AGRICULTURAL SHOW SITUATION VACANT

**We are looking to appoint a Show Secretary.**

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.

**For more information please contact Pat May: 07811 283 736**

### No Transport?

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Email: [office@holsworthytransport.co.uk](mailto:office@holsworthytransport.co.uk)  
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Holsworthy EX22 6DJ

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