

## PARISH HALL

**Comment:** The days of steam are fondly recalled by many and this month brings a unique exhibition of railway nostalgia at the Parish Hall, don't miss it!

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**Newsletter:** Contributions for the next Newsletter by 26<sup>th</sup> March please. [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

### *Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Pub Lunch, Village Inn, 12.30pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March – Steel Band Practice, 6pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Ashwater Craft & Produce Fair, 1pm-4pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Open Day at the School, 11am-3pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Agricultural Show Meeting, 8pm**

**15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Hall Meeting, 8pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Camera Club, 7.30pm**

**31<sup>st</sup> Mar - 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Railway Commemoration Weekend**

*For details of times for Art Club, Pilates and Yoga please check the hall notice board*

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### **Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**

**Email:** [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

**Hall Secretary:** Tel 01409 221073

### **Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)**

**Hours:** Mon – Frid: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am to Noon

Sunday: 9am to 12 Noon

**Tel:** 01409 211192

### **Post Office**

**Hours:** Mon – Frid: 9.00am to 4.00pm

**Saturday:** Closed

**Sunday:** Closed

### **Railway Exhibition Weekend at the Parish Hall**

From the 31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April we will be staging a comprehensive exhibition to commemorate the closure of Ashwater Railway Station and raise funds for the Parish Hall Extension.

The weekend event promises to bring back memories for many and will provide historical records of the village, adjoining areas and will bring to life a selection of railway journeys across Devon including 'the last train' across the region.

There will be old photographs and postcards plus other items embracing Ashwater and other local villages and stations.

In addition to memorabilia to examine there will be details of the exciting 'Okerail Project' that aims to re-open the line from Okehampton to Exeter as a sustainable regular route rather than the tourist attraction it is at present.

The commemoration weekend starts with the coffee morning on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 10.30am to Noon. There will be a cheese and wine event in the evening from 6.30pm and then on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 2pm – 5pm cream teas will be on sale.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April you are invited to partake of a commemorative lunch from 12.30pm. **Entry will be by pre-purchased ticket** and these will be on sale in the shop or ring Ivan on 01409 221073, Letitia 01409 211131 or email [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com) or [Imyetman@btinternet.com](mailto:Imyetman@btinternet.com) Price: £10 adult £5 under 12yrs.

The lunch will comprise a two- course buffet with tea or coffee and a pay bar will be operated selling wine, beer and soft drinks.

Live music will be played before and after the meal featuring The Old Buffers Trad Jazz Band. There will also be a raffle and a souvenir booklet in aid of the Hall Extension Fund.

Throughout the weekend part of the old station will be open at various times and visitors will be able to soak up the nostalgia. To visit the station please attend the exhibition first for details.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible as this is a rare opportunity to see and recall 'the way things were' and at the same time enjoy home cooked food, socialise and contribute to the funds needed to extend the hall to make it even better than it already is.

Meanwhile thank you to all who have been supporting the Friday Coffee Mornings, these are adding to the drive to achieve enough money to start building the extension later in the year.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Defibrillator Awareness Training** – the parish council will be holding training sessions in April – please see the attached sheet.

Torridge is changing the way we collect waste and recycling to - reduce waste and increase recycling, meet the statutory target of recycling 50% of all waste by 2020, increase the range of items collected for recycling, manage the cost pressures facing our service resulting from the reduced government funding, increasing numbers of housing being built, the need to modernise the fleet of vehicles, and the need to provide a new modern depot. Further information may be found on their website:

<http://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/16470/Changes-to-Torridges-Waste--Recycling-Collections>

### **Electoral Review of Torridge - Final Recommendations –**

The Commission has now completed its review of Torridge District Council. A full copy of the report is available: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk), and you can also see an interactive map of final recommendations:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>

The changes proposed for Torridge District Council must now be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for Torridge District Council to be implemented at the local elections in 2019.

The community are invited to participate in an online opinion survey. This survey seeks feedback on the review processes and procedures, in order to identify improvements that can be made. Please visit the website: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/lgbce-opinion-survey> If you require a paper copy of the opinion survey, please contact 0330 500 1525 or email [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

Potholes – residents of Ashwater are advised to keep reporting potholes using the following link: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>. Due to limited funds, available to Highways for road repairs, residents are encouraged to use local roads respectfully to try and avoid additional problems with road surfaces.

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 7.30pm.

### **VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY -2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day at the latest on 01409 211200. The two-course meal is priced very reasonably by Phil and Dee and is great value – join us from 12.30pm.

### **ASHWATER CRAFT & PRODUCE FAIR – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Come and join us from 1.00pm until 4.00pm for refreshments including bacon rolls being served during the afternoon. There will be a raffle and a varied assortment of craft and produce stalls. We look forward to seeing you and proceeds are in aid of Ashwater Football Club.

### **ASHWATER SCHOOL – OPEN DAY 11<sup>th</sup> March**

The School is holding an 'Open Day' on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 3pm. There will be lots of activities with Bude Haven Sports, Guitar Music with Alex Rogozinski & Drummer Richard Pavey and in addition tasty bacon rolls, tea, coffee and cakes as well as a raffle.

Our school is a credit to us having gained an Ofsted 'Good' category – with outstanding features. Check the website at [www.thecareyfederation.co.uk](http://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk) for up to date activity information. Contact No:01409 211228

### **ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB - March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The next camera club meeting will be in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 when Gemma will introduce a 'Lightroom Demonstration'. The 'Stop Motion' session in February proved amusing with some innovative sequences involving Lego figures and marbles amongst others. New members are welcome, annual fees of £25.00 may be paid in two £12.50 instalments if required. If you prefer to try a taster session for £5 and decide to join this sum will be credited towards the annual fee.

April 17<sup>th</sup> will bring a talk by Mike Slater on Astro Photography – well worth attending!

In May, we will be 'on location' at two venues – first on 13 May we will join the Horticultural Outing to the Apple Orchard – tickets available at the March and April meetings and then on 21<sup>st</sup> May a 'shoot' of the bluebells at Caroline and Roy's property is planned.

### **BROADWOODWIDGER HISTORY GROUP – 20<sup>th</sup> March**

On 20<sup>th</sup> March the group have arranged a talk by Nick Sturgess about Dingles Heritage Museum. This will be held at 7pm in a meeting room at Roadford reservoir and anyone interested will be welcome. The admission fee is £4.00.

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Table Tennis is played in the Parish Hall twice weekly on Tuesdays from 11am for one hour and Saturdays from 10am for two hours. All levels are welcome and we can provide bats and limited tuition. There are four tables so plenty of opportunity for practice as well as contested games!

### **BADMINTON**

Badminton is now taking place each Thursday morning at 10am until Noon, just £2 to cover hall costs. The Wednesday evening sessions will continue as usual. Everyone is welcome to either or all sessions.

### **ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Plant Sale 6<sup>th</sup> May**

As reported last month there will be two events in May – the plant sale at the Parish Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May, held under the canopy at the rear of the hall and then on 13<sup>th</sup> May a trip to Cornwall to the Apple Orchard. More details of both events will be in the April Newsletter.

### **FOOT FOR THOUGHT**

Foot problems can be difficult to overcome and it is not always easy to find someone who can help, but help is at hand – the newsletter received the following letter from Sadie Phillips who has recently returned to Ashwater:

"Hi, my name is Sadie, I am a Qualified HCPC registered Podiatrist (sometimes known as a Chiropodist) now back home after living away and working in the Ashwater (and wider) area.

I also work for the NHS treating the high-risk Diabetic/Rheumatoid foot. As a podiatrist, I treat people with callus, corns, long toe nails and more complex musculoskeletal sporting injuries of the lower leg such as heel pain like plantar fasciitis and tendinopathies. I can prescribe and fit orthotic (insoles) or help coach you through strengthening and stretching exercise programmes to help rehabilitate your injury.

If you have painful feet or just find it difficult to cut your own toe nails, please don't hesitate to contact me so that I can help on: 07815862436".

#### **Advertising in the Newsletter**

Small adverts cost £25 per issue and help to cover the cost of paper and printing, which are otherwise donated or paid from parish council funds raised through the local precept.

#### **Distribution of Newsletters**

My thanks to those who provide articles for and distribute the newsletters. If you know of anybody who did not receive a copy please let me know: copies will always be available at the Village Shop, Parish Hall and in the Village Inn. Any information for inclusion in or offers to help please contact Ivan Buxton on 01409 221073, e-mail [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com). Don't forget to visit the Ashwater Website [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk)

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## Ashwater Parish Council

### Defibrillator Awareness Training



The Ashwater Parish Council is organising some Defibrillator Awareness Training Sessions. These will cover how to use the defibrillator (on the village green) along with some basic first aid training.

Sessions will be for groups of up to 15 people and are **FREE!**

We're hoping to hold them on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons in April.

To register your interest please could you either fill in the form below and place it in the box provided in the Parish Hall

or

Email the Ashwater Parish Clerk ([parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk)) with your Name, Address, Email address and telephone number.



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Ashwater Parish Council – Defibrillator Awareness Training Session	
Name:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	
Please specify your preferred session	
Thursday evening <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday afternoon <input type="checkbox"/>
Please place your completed form in the box provided in the Parish Hall	