

**Comment:** The result of the 'secure our pub' survey is enclosed this month.

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> November – Pub Lunch, Village Inn 12.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> November – Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> November – PTFA Jumble Sale, 6.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Craft Fair and Shop Tasting, 10.00am – onwards

19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Wildlife Talk, 7.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Big Breakfast, 9.30am

24<sup>th</sup> November 2018- Ladies Pamper Evening, 7pm

**Advance Notice**

1<sup>st</sup> December -Ashwater Football Club – Quiz Night

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**Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**

Email: [lmyetman@btinternet.com](mailto:lmyetman@btinternet.com)

Tel: 01409 211131

**Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)**

Hours: Mon – Frid: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am to 12 Noon

Sunday: 9am to 12 Noon

Tel: 01409 211192

**Post Office**

Hours: Mon – Thurs: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Friday: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

**PARISH HALL**

**Tesco Bags of Help – until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

Please don't forget the hall has been accepted by Tesco at Launceston for their donation scheme to raise funds for the hall extension.

**Hall Car Park**

The car park is being churned up by vehicle use, particularly large vehicles, would all drivers please enter and leave the car park slowly to avoid scattering the surface chippings onto the walkways.

**Hall Floor**

The floor covering in the ladies' toilet has been renewed as it had started to lift. There is also some damage to the floor by the entrance to the Jack Moon Hall caused by grit being trapped beneath the doors to both the hall and boiler cupboard.

There is an incident book in the kitchen and it would be appreciated if any damage or wear and tear noted during hall use could be reported in this book to enable early remedial action to be taken.

**ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council has requested all road-users to be mindful when driving past horses.

**NHS**

NHS 111 online allows patients to get urgent healthcare online and you can now get medical help or advice from 111 online using your smartphone, laptop or other digital device. The service is free to use and helps to direct patients to the right care. Use the online service to:

- ask questions about your symptoms
- find out where to get the right healthcare in your area
- get advice on self-care
- get further advice from a nurse or doctor on the phone or during a consultation. Access NHS 111 Online at [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk)

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the hall meeting room.

**ASHWATER SHOP**

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported Macmillan and I'm a Celebrity last month.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was lucky enough to take place on a beautiful sunny morning which helped to bring out the crowds! As well as some fun activities there was a fabulous array of tasty cakes and biscuits that were kindly donated by many locals. The event wouldn't have been possible without lots of people who kindly helped behind the scenes but we particularly want to thank Michelle and Steve Warring for their fantastic contribution. Everyone's support helped to make an amazing £700 for Macmillan.

I'm A Celebrity was once again a great success thanks to all the hard work of Rachel, Mel and Chrissie who put it together.

Thanks also go to the amazing contestants: Ruth Harris - who won, Mel Ruby, Aaron Barriball, Rev Jane Lucas, David Bone, Lee Drowne, Gemma Colebrook-Clarke, Mick and Mari Parker, George Wilcox, Jess

Martyn and Ivan Buxton. They were all great sports who made it a very entertaining evening.

Your generosity helped to raise a staggering £4,600 divided equally between The British Heart Foundation, Chrones and Colitis, The Dementia Cafe at Halwill, Wishing on a Star and Ashwater Shop.

If you missed the fun or want to recapture the fun visit the shop Facebook page for lots of amusing photos!

This month we hope to see you at the shop's Christmas Tasting morning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-12pm. Forms will be available for you to place your pre-Christmas orders at the shop. Weather allowing it will be outside the shop behind the back of the hall, so wrap up warm and enjoy some mulled cider and mince pies!

Finally, please join us for The Ladies Pamper Evening on 24<sup>th</sup> November in the hall 7-10.30pm. We have a huge array of fabulous stalls for you to indulge yourself and find some extra special Christmas presents including: Body Shop, Avon, Tropic, Ann Summers, Hello Lovely for beauty treatments and massage. There will also be a bar, raffle, tarot reading and clothes swop, so you have no excuse not to have a great evening! We thank you for your continued support.

#### **VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

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. Air Ambulance donations are now being collected in the shop.

#### **SKITTLES – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

The next ladies' skittles evening is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the hall. New players welcome.

#### **JUMBLE SALE – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The PTFA are hosting a Jumble Sale at the Parish Hall in the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **CRAFT FAIR – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The 'Christmas Craft Fair' will be held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am – lots of stalls and ideas for presents plus refreshments.

#### **WILDLIFE TALK -19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

There will be a talk about marine life by Paul Naylor which he will illustrate with some of his amazing images – taken under the sea. The event is open to all to attend. A suggested donation of £1 to cover hall hire and tea, coffee and biscuits.

#### **BIG BREAKFAST – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The next 'Big Breakfast' will be at the hall on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **ROAD WORKS at Thorndon House, Broadwoodwidge**

We will be carrying out essential highway maintenance on behalf of Devon County Council on 19<sup>th</sup> November for 5 days. Please note that the road will be closed and a signed diversion will be in place.

If you have any queries please contact me.

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#### **THE AGE OF STEAM**

Anyone interested in steam trains might enjoy seeing live the comings and goings on the West Somerset preserved railway. Rail-Cam have 24/7 live cameras on several stations on the 20+ miles of the line. To view these, go to: [www.wsr.org.uk/r-cam-bl2.htm](http://www.wsr.org.uk/r-cam-bl2.htm) There is a timetable for each station covered and 'approximate' times of arrivals and departures. The timetables are now running down for the winter [except for the Santa Specials]. Winter time tables can be obtained from the West Somerset Railway web site. Everyone who watches the activities is fascinated, have a look.

### HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

One of our walks this month was our Highampton route starting from Windmilland Cross. The walk takes us to a section of the old Okehampton to Halwill Junction railway line and then follows paths, woodland tracks and fields before bringing us onto the road leading past Burdon Grange. There has been a property on this site since Saxon times and several of the original parts of the house can still be seen. Burdon Grange is currently a home specialising in the care of physically disabled adults.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> October our treasurer, Michael Jackson, and myself were invited to Waitrose in Holsworthy to be presented with a cheque in the sum of £734!! We had been awarded this amount from their Waitrose Community Matters fund which runs the 'green token' collection scheme. We would like to say thank you to Waitrose for allowing us to participate in this scheme during August and also a very big thank you to the people of Holsworthy for their generous support in backing us.

Our new walk programme is now available from various local sources including Holsworthy Library and the Tourist Information Centre. It is also available on line at <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/holsworthy-walk-talk>. We walk every week come rain or shine although we did cancel the walk on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for safety reasons due to gale force winds and lashing rain courtesy of Storm Callam. All walks are free.

Our Monday Level 1 walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am. We now meet outside the Holsworthy Area Sports Pavilion with tea and coffee served afterwards. The Friday walks move off at 10.30 am from various locations around the area. Details can be found on our walk programme. For further information regarding the Monday walks please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642. For information regarding the Friday walks please contact David Arney on 01837 861829.

### CHILDREN'S HOSPICE – SOUTH WEST

As part of our fundraising, Children's Hospice South West needs to reach out to as many communities as possible, both to raise awareness of the work we do and to encourage people to become supporters.

Our new initiative is the 'Raise a Smile Community Cream Tea'. We are hoping that towns and villages in your local area will take part in this opportunity to enjoy a cream tea with friends and their wider community whilst raising money for our charity. The packs that we send out encourage and support people in every step of organising their get together by providing recipes, information on how to get the most out of their event and ideas for fundraising, all whilst giving them insight into the work we do at CHSW. It is our genuine hope that, not only will our charity benefit from an increased involvement in a greater number of communities, but also that our cream teas will provide more opportunities for people to socialise and meet new friends.

It would be fantastic if your magazine could include an advert promoting our 'Raise a Smile Community Cream Tea' so that we have as much uptake of this fundraising initiative as possible. Please see the attached pdf and feel free contact me for nay further information.

Additionally, CHSW is always looking for Community Fundraising and Public Speaker volunteers. Individuals who give their time to support us in this way us are integral to promoting the work we do and to ensuring that we can become a valued part of your local community. If you are also able to help us to promote these opportunities, please contact me using the details below and I would be delighted to discuss what they involve in greater depth with you. Alternatively, feel free to request that I send you any other promotional materials or information that you might want.

Thank you in advance for your time. Neville Pope Fundraising Assistant | Children's Hospice South West Little Bridge House, Redlands Road, Fremington, Barnstaple, EX31 2PZ  
t: 01271 325270 Ex. 319 | m: 07827 446653 | w: [www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk) | or [neville.pope@chsw.org.uk](mailto:neville.pope@chsw.org.uk)

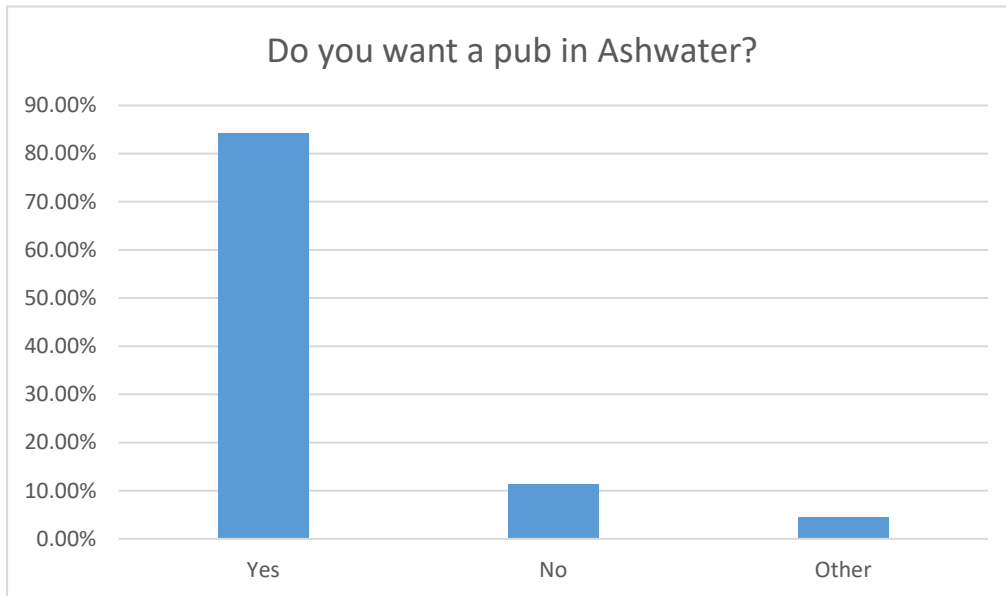
.....**Thank you**

Lee Drowne would like to thank everyone who supported him with sponsorship and voted for him in the recent 'I'm a Local Celebrity' competition and helped raise money towards charity.

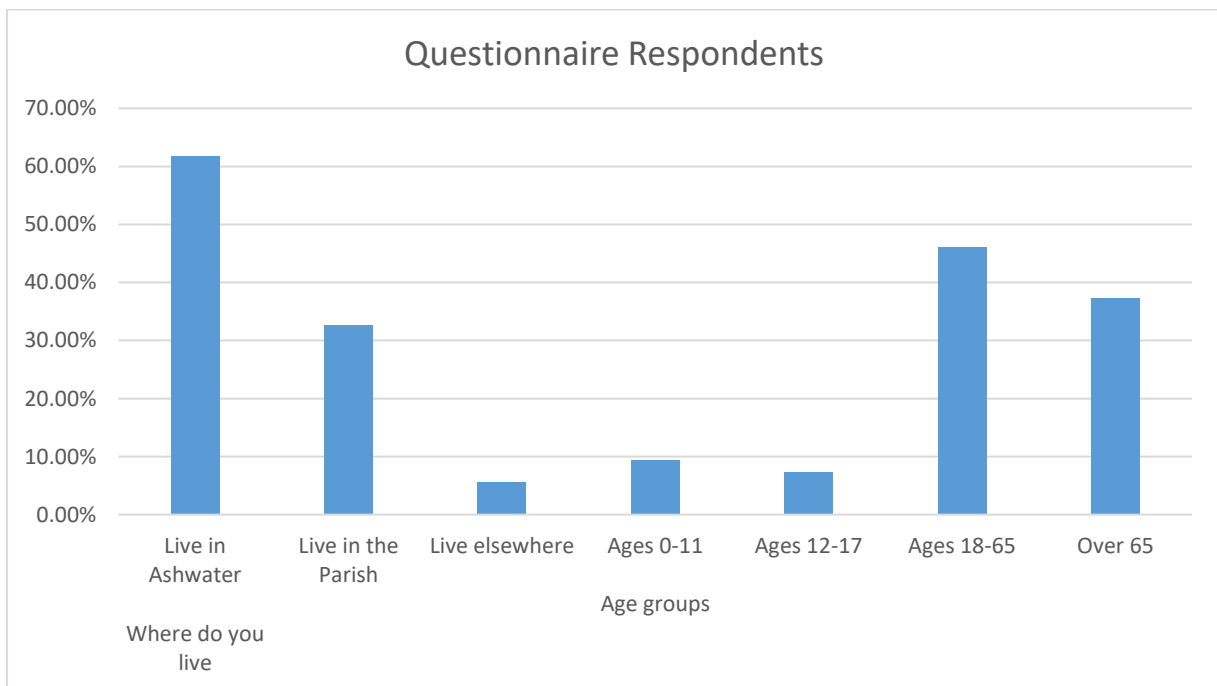
**The Village Inn, Ashwater Questionnaire Results**

The questionnaire on The Village Inn in the July edition of the Ashwater newsletter was derived from a standard template from the Plunkett Foundation and used by other villages to gain information on residents' view of their public house.

The results are summarized below:



The questionnaires were mainly received from within the village and parish with an expected high proportion of people over the age of 65.

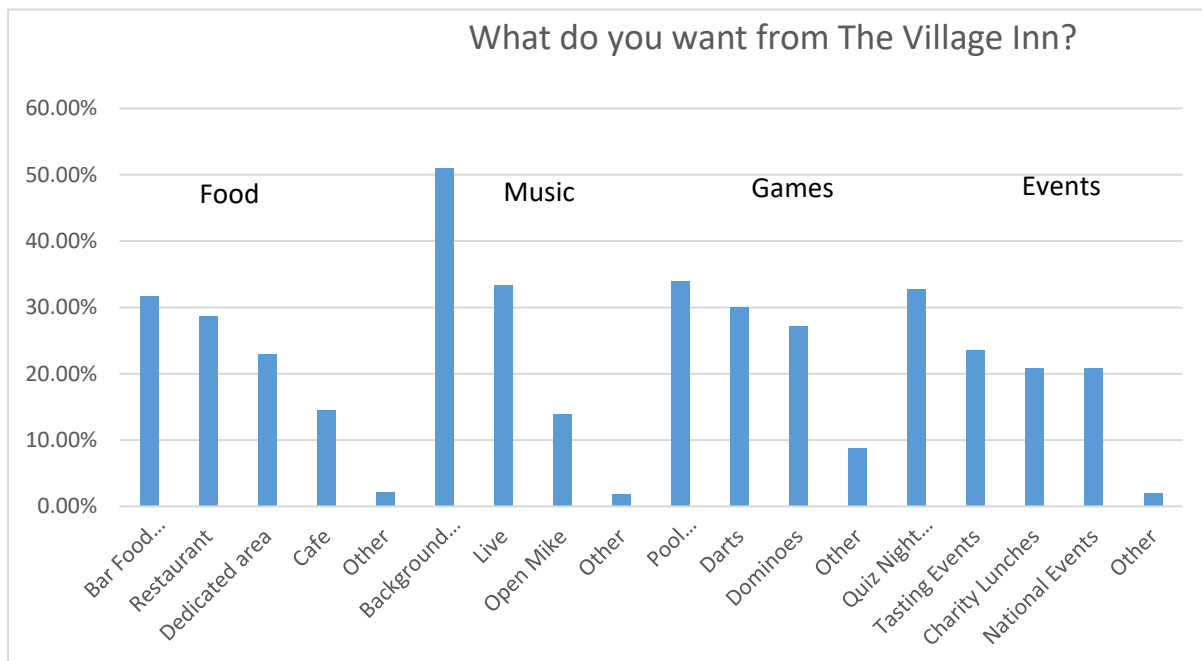


The frequency of using the pub varied considerably, but currently the main reason for using is for meals. This may be as many respondents stated that the present area set aside for those only requiring a drink is inadequate.

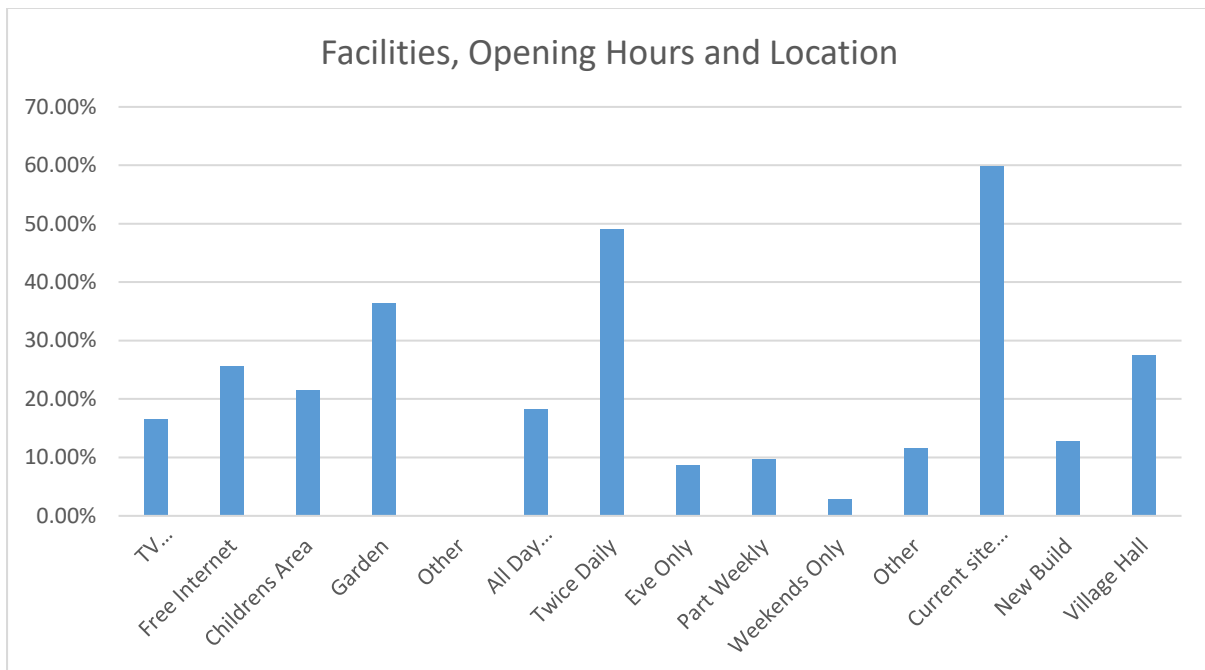


The responses showed that generally people are in favour of events and activities being held at the pub e.g. the current well attended summer BBQ and lunches.

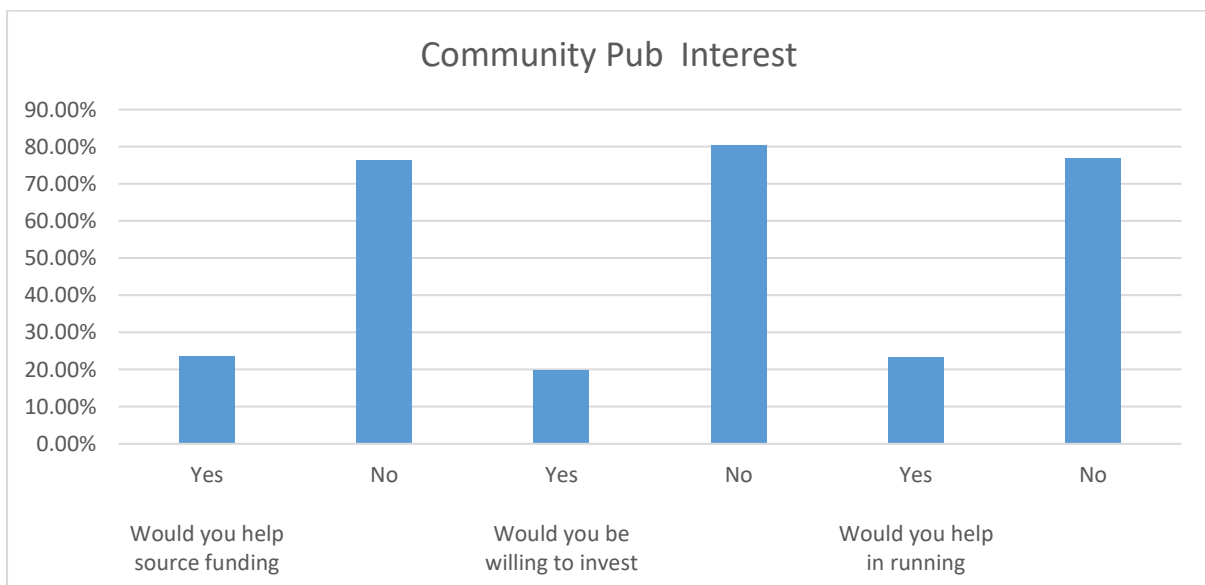
It was apparent from some respondents that the facilities on offer at The Village Inn were not well known e.g. free internet and garden so additional promotion of all facilities may help with this.



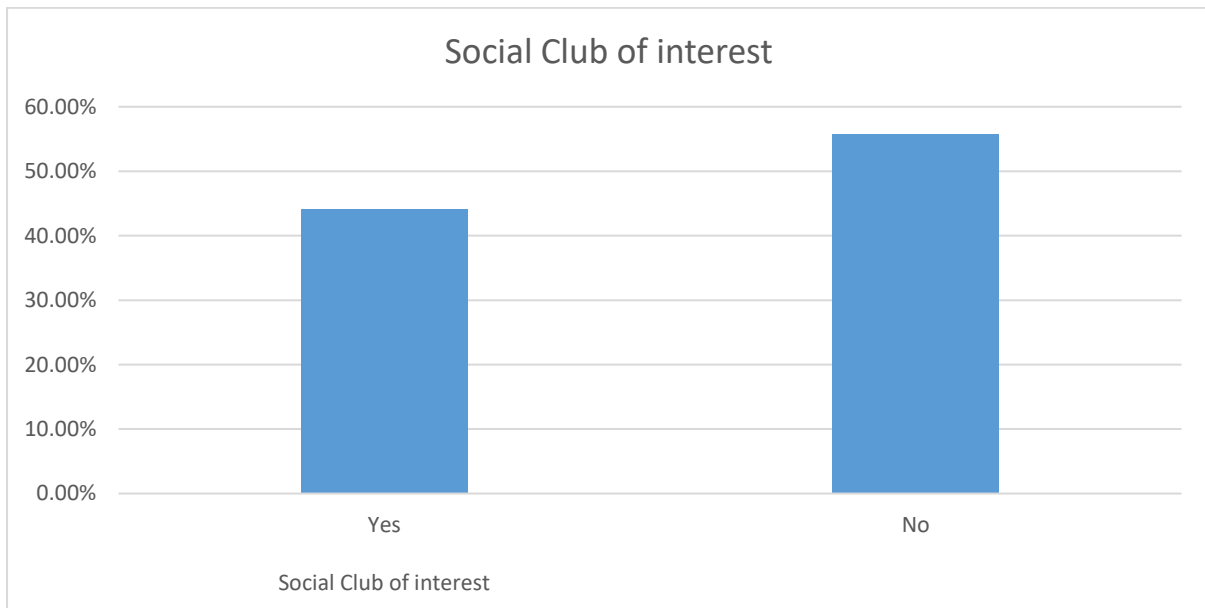
The current opening hours were seen as appropriate with some requesting that café facilities be available, perhaps an idea during the tourist season.  
 The majority also stated that the current location of the pub is preferred.



The community pub option was not popular, with the majority of respondents unwilling to assist with fund raising, investing or running a community pub. It was identified by several respondents that a community pub would dilute the already limited number of volunteers in the village for community projects e.g. the village shop, church, school etc. The village already has several of the amenities that a community pub might offer.



The idea of a social club if the pub closed met with a mixed response. This is likely to be based on the majority preferring to keep the pub open.



**Summary**

The response to the questionnaire from people within and outside the village has been good with the majority of respondents wishing to retain the pub, situated in its current location. The loss of the pub is generally seen as very detrimental to the village.

The overall impression from the questionnaires appears to be if some changes were made to the pub and the way it is run, use of the pub may increase.

As a result, an action plan has been drawn up to increase the viability and use of the pub in the short and medium term.

The issue of the Village Inn’s longevity still remains; the pub is on the market and as the questionnaire identified, support within the village for the raising of funds to set up and run a community pub or other suggested alternatives, is not there.

As the questionnaire identified the majority want the pub to remain open so please use it and if you have time, skills or knowledge, volunteer to assist in the action plan below.

Village Inn Action Plan Outline

A team of volunteers with time, skills and knowledge is required to support Phil and Dee progress actions that have been identified in the following areas.

If you would like to be involved please contact Phil at The Village Inn (even if you indicated that you would like to help on the questionnaire as this type of help is different to that requested in the questionnaire)

Short term actions (within 1 year)

To improve ambience within a budget and create a more welcoming and relaxing feel including layout and décor.

To promote the Village Inn as a destination for the local area including programme of events and get-togethers e.g. running Quiz nights for charities, music, themed nights.

To consider menu options including clarifications of availability (smaller portions and take away options) and promotion of local produce e.g. Fish from Port Isaac (Portwenn)

To improve marketing and media presence to attract more customers  
Medium term actions (up to 2 years)  
To improve business viability including reducing overheads  
To revisit the pub sale opportunities.

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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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