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[ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com) to be added as the Piskies have been at work again this month!

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**Newsletter:** Contributions for the next Newsletter by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov please. [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Pub Lunch, Village Inn**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Hall Coffee morning, 10.00am**

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Steel Band Practice, 6pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bonfire Night at Anglers Paradise, Halwill Junction**

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Ladies Pamper Evening, 7pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Hall GPC Meeting, 8.00pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov – PTFA Quality Item Sale – School 2p-4pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Shop Christmas Tasting Evening, 7pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Deanery Supper, 6.00pm**

**Advance Notice**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Craft and Produce Fair, 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Shop Pub Quiz, 5.30pm for 6pm in the Village Inn**

**5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas Wreath Making, 7pm**

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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

**PARISH HALL**

**RAILWAY CLOSURE COMMEMORATION – AN APOLOGY.**

The commemoration event due to be held at the hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> October was postponed due to a variety of circumstances and whilst a notice was sent out by email it seems not everyone was aware of the situation, we are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

The event is being rescheduled for next Spring when it will be bigger and better than originally planned.

**COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> November, 10.00am – Midday**  
The hall will be holding a series of Friday Coffee Mornings with donated proceeds in aid of the new extension fund. Please come along for a chat and information on how things are proceeding.

**SHOP TALK**

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the recent Craft Fair. We raised £200 that will go towards replacing the shop's fridges and freezers.

Another thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee morning. We raised £395.70, and an extra £50 was donated from the Parish Council. It just proves that eating cake can be a good thing!!

Be prepared! We are now selling a great assortment of Halloween disguises and treats.... you can see these on the shop FACE-BOOK page, where we always post shop news.

Also mentioned on the SHOP FACE-BOOK page: we are now selling frozen joints of lamb, beef, pork and chickens, ready for the weekend roast. These can also be ordered of course and delivered fresh the following day. Just talk to John or order from the website page.

You will know that the shop AGM has taken place and was well attended. As a village, we are very fortunate that we have a number of people ready to put themselves forward to serve on the Committee. Our thanks to Yvonne (Chair) and Liz (Treasurer) for all their work for the shop. They have stepped down this year and been replaced by Tim Luxton (Chair) and Bryan Lewens, (Treasurer). Rachel continues as our Secretary, assisted by Kate Davis. Other members, both new and old are Stuart Marwood, Eric Burnill and Fiona Bull. Minutes of the Committee and a copy of the Shop's Constitution are now available in the shop.

We do need VOLUNTEERS to help serve and assist in the shop. Please talk with John if you are interested and think you may be able to give an hour or so each week.

Glorious autumn is upon us with some "fun" money raising evenings ahead.

LADIES PAMPER AND SWISH EVENING: FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOV. 7PM. Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS TASTING EVENING: (not to be missed!!!) FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7PM Village Hall. Always a fun and useful evening to spur us to start planning for Christmas. Various shop suppliers will be in attendance and available to take orders etc.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

PUB QUIZ SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 5.30PM FOR 6PM. ONLY 50 PLACES AVAILABLE (first come first served...tickets from the village shop. Food as before: Curry or Ham Egg & Chips or Macaroni Cheese. PRIZE FOR BEST-DRESSED ELF!! Get your table together NOW.....Tim Luxton (Chair)

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Self-Build Housing – Torridge District Council is investigating how self-build can help more local people meet their housing needs. This is being done by setting up and maintaining a register of people who want to build or have their own home built and identifying sites which may be suitable for self-build. The work is being done in conjunction with Devon Rural Housing Partnership based at Devon Communities Together. To get your name on the register go to [www.torridge.gov.uk/selfbuild](http://www.torridge.gov.uk/selfbuild). If you require additional information please contact Janice Alexander, Rural Housing Enabler 01392 248919 ext 122 or email [janice@devoncommunities.org.uk](mailto:janice@devoncommunities.org.uk).

Smokefree alliance Devon - The Smokefree Devon Alliance is a partnership of organisations that have an interest in reducing tobacco use in Devon. If you would like more information or you are interested in joining the Smokefree Devon Alliance, please contact Ruby King on [ruby.king@devon.gov.uk](mailto:ruby.king@devon.gov.uk) or 01392 386387.

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 9 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

**ALL WELCOME @ ANGLERS PARADISE**  
**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**RAISING MONEY FOR HALWILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, DEVON AIR AMBULANCE AND  
PLYMOUTH CATHEDRAL**  
**TREASURE HUNT- 10AM -**  
**Kid's - £5 (Sweets) and Adult's - £5 (Wine)**  
**To Join in the Treasure Hunt Please Ring us on 01409 221559 to BOOK your place**  
**BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT FROM 6PM - £5 PER CAR**  
**Hot dogs, burgers, wine and lemonade available – all welcome**  
**Licensed bar open with disco to dance the night away**

**PTFA**

Ashwater PTFA will be holding their Quality Item Sale on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm-4.00pm at Ashwater Primary School Hall. Please take your items to the School Hall either on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> between 3.30pm and 5.00pm or Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Good quality second hand clothes, shoes, handbags and donations of cakes will all be greatly appreciated. Please contact Vikki Moon 01409 211010/07827 320182, Vicky Yelland on 0791 7340715 or Joy Parrin 0789 336743 if you would like any items picked up. All funds raised go straight back into the school to provide them with extra activities that are not funded by the government. Tea/coffee will be available and there will also be a cake stall. Thank you to everyone who supports our wonderful school.

**VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY -3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day at the latest on 01409 211200

**BADMINTON**

Badminton is played in the hall on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7pm for two hours, all are welcome.

**ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

The next camera club meeting will be in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 . Please also think about any events or activities you would like to be included in the programme for next year.

**ASHWATER CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**

The next Craft and Produce Fair will be held between 1pm and 4pm at Ashwater Parish Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016. There will be a raffle and a varied assortment of craft and produce stalls. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to buy something local and special for Christmas.

**ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Society held the Annual General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Officers elected were: Letitia Yetman, Secretary and Ivan Buxton, Treasurer. The position of Chair remains open, is any member interested? Gordon Bennet is continuing as President. Membership fees remain at £5 per person or £7 a couple, would those yet to renew their membership or wishing to join this year please contact Letitia Yetman on 01409 211131 or email: [lmynetman@btinternet.com](mailto:lmynetman@btinternet.com) The next event is the Christmas Wreath Making on 5<sup>th</sup> December in the hall at 7.00pm. 2017 events are being drawn up and a date will be published for the post Christmas walk and meal.

**STEEL BAND**

The Ashwater Community Steel Band continues to flourish with several new members. The Parish Hall continues as the venue for the regular 1st Friday in the Month practice sessions and we are extremely grateful to have such a wonderful facility for our practices.

As ever we are always looking for new members and at one pound fifty a session represents good value[includes tea and cakes].

This year we have been all over the county performing at a large variety of different and unusual venues. We nipped over the border into Cornwall and played at the Bude Motor Club's Classic Car Show, several care homes throughout Devon, various schools where Chris and I teach the children how to play pans. We provided the entertainment at South West Lakes Trust's Family Day at Roadford, Black Torrington Fete and an evening with Broadwoodwidge WI.

We continue our long association with Waitrose, Holsworthy, when we played for their Olympic inspired day. A small group from the band was asked to play on Watchet Station on the West Somerset Railway's Special Event Weekend, which created many very favourable comments and huge interest.

Our most recent venue was on Cathedral Green Exeter where we had been asked to support The International Older Peoples Day, the event was very well attended in spite of the poor weather.

We will be playing for the Christingle Service in Ashwater Church December 11th 4-30pm and on December 17th the band presents " A Caribbean Christmas" in Ashwater Church at 7-00pm[This is in aid of the church tower fund and to purchase band equipment].

We are happy to play for any organisation or group virtually anywhere and although we have a large gazebo, heavy rain does cause concerns, as steel drums and water do not mix. It is only after careful soul searching are we forced to cancel.

If anyone is interested in booking us, please do so well in advance as we already have bookings for 2017. Telephone Chris 01409 211340 ..... Lookout for us in Waitrose, Holsworthy Christmas Late Night Shopping.

**TESCO BAGS OF HELP COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

Tesco have chosen to distribute their 5p a bag Government Levy Money via a scheme which focuses on making physical improvements to green spaces and encouraging activities for people to make more use of outdoor spaces for a wide range of activities. Groundwork UK are the main partner in administering the programme through the network of Groundwork Trusts. The basic facts of the scheme are:

- Open to all not for profit and correctly constituted organisations (except religious organisations)
- There must not be a charge to enter the open space
- Both capital and revenue projects are eligible
- Areas of interest are recreation, play, sport, exercise, education, conservation, landscape, community growing, heritage, beaches, volunteering and similar
- Winners will receive between £1,000 and £5,000
- Matched funding is not an issue either way
- Both Tesco staff and customers are involved in the short-listing and winning process
- Monthly awards of 3 schemes per region (our region is: North Devon)

Full facts and application process are on line at <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme>

**ASHWATER CHURCH**

Please note the following dates and events:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Morning Worship 9.30am
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Service 10.50am (at the War Memorial) followed by service in the church
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Confirmation Service 7.00pm with Bishop Sarah
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Holy Communion 9.30am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Morning Worship 9.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Communion 9.30am
- 11 Dec Christingle Service 4.30pm, especially for the children!
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec A Caribbean Christmas - Presented by the Ashwater Community Steel Band 7.00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol Service 7.00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Crib Service 4.00pm – loved by young and old
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Holy Communion 11.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Celebrations 10.30am (Enjoy a simple family service while the turkey is cooking)

Please feel free to come to any service, we would love to see you. There is always someone to meet you when you arrive and if you are unsure of what to do or what happens where, someone will always be willing to help.

**St Peter's Draw**

Those still who want to stay in the draw please could you pay as soon as possible to Chris Drowne at 1 Manor Park.

**THANK YOU**

Dave Drowne would like to say a BIG THANKYOU for all the 'Get Well' cards, telephone calls and family, friends and neighbours who visited after my recent heart op at Derriford and also my 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday cards and presents from everyone.

**.....AND FINALLY**

Our thoughts are with the Gerry Family as we were sorry to learn that Mike very recently passed away.

**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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