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2018 is the Chinese year of the dog, the Scottish year of young people, Welsh year of the sea and English year of engineering, just to mention a few, but whatever is your year may it be a good one – Happy New Year!

Newsletter: Contributions for the next Newsletter by 24th January please. ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

4th January – Lunch at the Village Inn, 12.30pm

4th January Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm

10th January -Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

15th January- Camera Club, 6.45pm Hall Car Park

16th January – Men's Skittles, 7.30pm

17th January 2017 – Hall Trustees Meeting, 8pm

26th January – Coffee Morning – Presentation 10.30am

Advance Notice

Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries
Email: lmynetman@btinternet.com
Tel: 01409 211131

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

PARISH HALL

Coffee Morning and Presentation 26th January 2018

At the Friday Coffee Morning on 26th January 2018 there will be a small presentation ceremony to celebrate the grant award of £25,000 from Torridge District Council to the Hall Extension Fund.

We appreciate Friday is a working day but if at all possible please come along. Coffee will be served from 10.30am with a selection of home made brownies, cookies and cakes.

The hall was completed over 8years ago – if it seems like yesterday to you, then perhaps it's time to join the committee of trustees! There will be opportunities to volunteer this year as the charity moves from an unincorporated body to one of incorporation. There will be further information on this subject in the coming year.

Meanwhile, efforts are being redoubled to raise the remaining money required to start the extension – if you are a hall user or part of a user group then watch this space as plans are afoot to get as many of you under the hall roof as possible on a single evening to celebrate the diverse activities that have proved why there was a need for a new hall in the first place..... again, more details will soon be forthcoming.

Defibrillator

The second defibrillator announced by the Parish Council in the November Newsletter will be installed outside the hall by the main entrance.

Happy New Year to all from the Hall Trustees.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the hall every month and if you wish to contact them or the Parish Clerk, Pip Selley, please email : parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk

The next meeting is on 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the hall.

Potholes

Potholes measuring 40mm deep at a vertical edge and at least 300mm in width can be reported online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem> Telephone 0345 155 1005 or 0845 155 1005 for Devon Highways Or SMS Text to: text 'DEVON' to 80011

Examination of North Devon and Torridge Local Plan

Notice of additional Hearings Sessions: 16th – 18th January 2018

The North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011 – 2031, prepared by North Devon Council and Torridge District Council, was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in June 2016. **Wendy Burden BA DipTP MRTPI** was appointed as the independent Inspector to undertake the Examination.

An initial set of examination hearings sessions took place between 22nd November and 6th December 2016, concluding with the Inspector publishing a [Note to the Councils \(HD15\)](#) and a suspension of the Examination to enable further work to be completed by the Councils.

In accordance with Regulation 24 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that the hearings sessions for the Examination of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan will re-start at **10.00am on Tuesday 16th January 2018**, to take place at **The Cedars**, Bickington Road, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, EX31 2HE. The additional hearing sessions are currently anticipated to take place over the period 16th – 18th January 2018.

The hearing sessions are open for anyone to observe, including those who have provided support towards the Local Plan; however in line with the recently published [Inspector's Note \(EC35\)](#), participation is limited to those who submitted a representation on the recently published Further Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan and who stated that they wish their views to be heard. The hearings will only consider the matters identified in the [Inspector's note \(EC35\)](#).

Any queries regarding hearing sessions, or the wider examination of the Local Plan, should be directed to the **Programme Officer, Mrs Julie Chandler**, who may be contacted via programmeofficer@northdevon.gov.uk, on 01271 318537 (during normal office hours) or by post c/o Lynton House, Commercial Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1DG.

Further information on the examination, including additional details of the hearings (as and when they become available) can be viewed on the Examination Website at:
<http://consult.torridge.gov.uk/portal/planning/localplan/examination/>

Yours faithfully,

Jamie Hollis
Senior Solicitor & Monitoring Officer
Torridge District Council

Mike Kelly
Chief Planning Officer
North Devon Council

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY – 4TH JANUARY

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.

LADIES AND MEN'S SKITTLES

The next Ladies Skittles evening is 4th January at 7.30pm in the hall and we welcome new players. The men are next at home on 16th January against Week St Mary following the break over Christmas and new Year. They are hoping for an improved performance during the second half of the season to climb up the league table away from relegation dangers.

ASHWATER VILLAGE SHOP

Many thanks to all our volunteers for their help over the Christmas period and to all our customers for their continued support. Wishing you all a Happy New Year. Best wishes From Ashwater Village Shop committee.

ART GROUP

The group meets most Tuesday's in the Village hall from 1.30 – 4.00. We have a varied programme including tutored sessions of drawing, painting and print making. In the New Year, we will begin life drawing again. We also take sketchbooks outside, sometimes despite the weather and visit galleries and exhibitions. New members always welcome, regardless of ability. Email or telephone for details. Kate 211241 katestroud@hotmail.com or Sue 211419 sueluxton@mac.com

ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Monday 18th December at 7.30pm. The accounts were presented and approved. The following officers were appointed: Gemma Varney, Chair: Caroline Gill, Secretary (email doodlewiz@gmail.com): Ivan Buxton, Treasurer (email ibuxton16@btinternet.com).

Membership fees will remain at £25 for the year or £12.50 a half year payable at one of the next two meetings please. The January meeting commences at 6.45pm on 15th January in the hall car park as we will be adjourning to take external time/light exposures shots of the A30. We will return to the Village Inn at 8.30pm for a meal – please let Caroline Gill know if you are attending the meal as the pub will require numbers in advance.

In February there will be an exhibition of Member's Work in the hall on a Saturday afternoon – basic details have been emailed to all members and will be shortly advertised.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Wreath Making, it was nice to see some new faces and new members. Special thanks to Rhonda Fry for providing the wreath bases, Fiona Bull for the mulled juice and all who contributed mince pies and sausage rolls. An itinerary for 2018 is being drawn up and members will be shortly contacted for any additional suggestions. Meanwhile a provisional booking has been made for 20th January at 12.30pm at the Bay View Inn, Widemouth Bay for the winter meal and optional walk, please let Letitia Yetman know on lmyetman@btinternet.com or 01409 211131 if you are interested so that numbers can be confirmed.

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

Over the Christmas and New Year period our Monday walks will be continuing on a weekly basis as normal except for Monday 25th December. Unusually our Friday walks are taking a break on both the 22nd and 29th December but we will be raring to go again on the 5th January 2018 when we will be meeting outside Holsworthy Museum. This will be our Ryydon walk which will take us over Holsworthy Viaduct following part of the Sustrans cycle path which is a level, well made path suitable for motorised buggies as well as walkers. We then turn right along what is now known as Lamb's Lane but historically was known as Limes Lane. We then come onto the main Bude road, past Rydon Inn and then pick up the public footpath behind the housing development and Community College and back into the car park via Victoria Square.

It will be a good feeling to begin to walk off some of those extra calories we have consumed recently not to mention the bonus of knowing that by walking we are helping to reduce the risk of many common conditions including heart disease, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes.

All walks are free to attend and it is a good way to see different aspects of the district and discover some of the local history.

Our Monday walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am from The Scout Hut next to the Leisure Centre with tea and coffee served afterwards in the Youth Centre. 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.

LOCAL ENERGY ADVICE PROGRAMME (LEAP)

There are a number of schemes available to help people keep themselves, and their homes, warm this winter. Staying warm is really important, so we're supporting the LEAP programme. A comprehensive energy saving scheme run by Cosy Devon, LEAP is helping lots of people keep warm. Find out more at www.devonnewscentre.info/helping-you-to-live-in-a-warmer-home-and-saving-you-money/

Don't forget to insulate yourself! Make sure you wrap up warm when heading out during cold weather. Wear multiple thin layers of clothing rather than one thick layer. Remember to wear shoes with suitable soles if there is a risk of ice. Keep up to date with weather warnings at:
www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

Why should I keep warm? Temperatures below 8°C can increase risk of heart attack stroke, flu and falls, especially for certain groups of people. Read NHS advice about keeping warm and staying well at:
www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell.aspx

And finally.....EMERGENCY PLANNING

Being prepared for an emergency ensures that you can deal more effectively with the incident. Follow these useful steps:

Make a list of all your important contacts - family, friends, GP, local hospital, schools, medication, utilities, insurers, vets, and keep it in your wallet or handbag.

Arrange for a family member or friend to be the contact point in case you become separated in an emergency. Make up an emergency pack:

Home emergency pack:

- Torch
- Spare batteries
- First Aid kit
- Copy of your contact list
- Bottled water/drink
- Battery powered radio
- Matches

Car emergency pack:

- First Aid kit
- Warm blanket/clothing
- Mobile phone & charger
- Pet carrier/lead/collar (if you need to take pets with you)
- If applicable nappies/baby food
- Waterproof coat
- Wellington's

Make sure you know how to turn off the gas, electricity and water supplies.

Make sure you know how to tune your radio to the local radio station, so that you can listen for advice or information during an incident.

Check your insurance is up to date.

If you live in a flood area keep a stock of empty sandbags and sand.(To find out more you can contact the Environment Agency)

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. Don't forget to visit the Ashwater Website: www.ashwaterparish.org.uk

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