

Comment:

Milk in glass bottles, now there's an idea! The shop as always is ahead of the game with adoption of this 'retro-style' container, give it a try, surely the milk tastes better?

Newsletter: Contributions for the next Newsletter by 25th February please to ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

- 1st February – Coffee Morning 10.30am-Noon
- 7th February - Pub Lunch, Village Inn 12.30pm
- 7th February – Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm
- 8th February – Coffee Morning 10.30am -Noon
- 9th February – Owl Talk at Bradford and Cookbury Hall – 2pm
- 10th February – Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm
- 13th February – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
- 15th February -Coffee morning, 10.30am-Noon
- 18th February – Camera Club, 7.30pm
- 22nd February- Coffee morning, 10.30am-Noon
- 22ndFebruary – Country Music Evening – 7.30pm

Advance Notice

29th March Quiz Night in the Hall in aid of Clic Sargant and Hall Extension Fund

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

Ashwater Shop
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

Friday Coffee Mornings

Many thanks to all who support the coffee mornings, over £2,300 has been raised towards the hall extension from the weekly donations. We look forward to seeing you in February (See events list for dates).

Extension Funding

The amount raised now exceeds £44,000 and bids for grant aid are still being sourced, we would welcome any ideas as the aim is to try and seek tenders for the building work in the not too distant future.

Events

A Wine and Wisdom type quiz is to be held on 29th March and tickets will be on sale shortly. Proceeds will be split between the Clic Sargant Charity and the Hall extension project.

Hall Committee

We will be looking for a new secretary at the AGM in May and would welcome new members, in particular as understudies for secretarial and booking roles, any volunteers?

ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at Ashwater Parish Hall on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30pm.

ASHWATER SHOP

Little shop BEFORE you big shop.
Ashwater shop would love your support...
Before you go to do your big weekly shop, would you pop into the village shop, have a browse and see if there is anything from your list that you could purchase with us?

Even if there is only one item that we stock that you choose to buy from the village shop it would make a huge difference to us. £1 is worth so much more to our continued existence than it is to the supermarkets.

If we don't have an item you are looking for and you regularly need it, John may be able to stock it for you if you ask him.

We would really appreciate you taking the time to visit and feel confident that you will be surprised by our wide range of stock and competitive prices.

Recently we have had several people who have found products they couldn't find in their supermarket and who commented on the keen prices we manage to sell them at.

For those who prefer milk in a glass bottle we have added Dunstable Dairies to our milk suppliers, their bottles are available immediately!

Finally, the shop now has a great variety of Valentine's Day cards and presents available for your loved ones, so please come and check them out!

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support which is especially important to us out of the tourist season.

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH – 7th February 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.

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB - Country Music Evening, 22nd February 2019

Please support us by putting your green tokens at Waitrose in our slot for February.

A country music evening with Country Rich & The 3 J ' s - Friday 22nd February in Ashwater Parish Hall at 7.30pm for Ashwater F C & Air Ambulance.

Tickets £7 to include supper. Available from village shop or Lin Jennings 01409 211212

A Draw will also be held.

LADIES SKITTLES – 10th February 2018

The next Ladies skittles game is on Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm. All ladies are welcome to come and play a friendly game and enjoy supper at the same time. We look forward to seeing you.

SAINT PETER'S CHRISTMAS DRAW RESULTS

The following were the draw winners:

Mr E Moon	£25.00
Mr J Carroll	£10.00
Mrs J Appleton	£5.00
Mr T Moon	£5.00

2019 entry money is now due, please forward your payments to Mrs Chris Drowne at 1 Manor Park, Ashwater Thank you.

ASHWATER BENEFICE SERVICES

Friday 1 st Feb.	10am Beaworthy Church-Morning Prayer
Saturday 2 nd Feb.	Candlemas 6-30pm Ashwater Church-Holy Communion & Compline
Sunday 3 rd Feb.	5 th before Lent 10-30am Halwill Church-Holy Communion & Coffee & 5-30pm Tetcott Church Tea & informal worship
Wednesday 6 th Feb.	10am Halwill Church 10am-said Holy Communion
Saturday 9 th Feb.	10am Saturday Church 10am-Bradford Parish Hall. All age activities and fun followed by Communion
Sunday 10 th Feb. 4 th	“Connect Sunday” 10-30am Clawton Church-Holy Communion & Coffee-supporting Ruth Jones, Youth Worker in Holsworthy College. & 4pm Beaworthy Church BCP Evensong
Saturday 16 th Feb.	6-30pm Beaworthy Church-Celtic Communion
Sunday 17 th Feb.	3 rd before Lent Ashwater Church 10-30am-Holy Communion & coffee with Black Torrington Benefice. & 6-30pm Clawton Church-Evening Prayer
Wednesday 20 th Feb.	10am Halwill Church Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th Feb.	10-30am Beaworthy Church-Holy Communion & coffee & 6-30pm Ashwater Church-Evening Prayer
Friday 1 st March	10am Beaworthy Church Morning Prayer

“SAVE THE DATE”

Rev'd Jane's final service in the Benefice, before her retirement, will be held in Ashwater Parish Church at 11.00am on Sunday 26th May 2019, followed by lunch in Ashwater Parish Hall. Further details will be announced nearer the time, but 'save the date' for this special occasion.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Time has caught up with us and the idea of a post festivities walk and meal has been shelved for the moment, probably just as well given the weather! We will try and come up with something else before we all start

thinking about the plant sale in May (although ordering seeds in readiness would be a good idea), but any suggestions and offers to organise an event would be most welcome. Preparations are also about to be commenced towards organising the annual show in August, anyone wishing to put forward ideas for entry classes please email them to Ivan at ibuxton16@btinternet.com and they will be added to the discussion list.

ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB

January saw our first meeting of the new year immediately followed by a fine meal in the Village Inn. We said 'goodbye' to Gemma who had chaired our meetings for the past couple of years and gave valuable tuition as well. We wish her well in her new venture and hope to see her at some of our events from time to time.

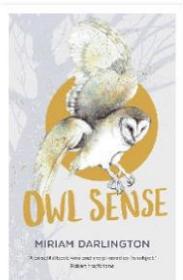
Malcolm Howard in conjunction with Gemma has set up a group site on FLICKR with a monthly 'just for fun' themed competition for members to submit their photos, this month on 'Animals'. At the February meeting on the 18th we will be sharing our own photos 'old and new', so bring along a memory stick, phone or lap-top/tablet for displaying your work. Would members who have not paid their annual subscription (£15.00) please bring it to the next meeting and of course if anyone wishes to join please come along as well.

The club will be trying to take 'Ashwater Pictures' this year to help provide a new bank of work that the shop may be able to call upon for the Ashwater Annual Calendar and it has been suggested that as we have many and varied clubs and societies in the Parish, we could take photos of some of the activities. If you are a member of one of these groups or help run them, we would like to hear from you so we can make appropriate arrangements – contact Caroline Gill on 01409 211097 or email doodlewiz@gmail.com.

We have discovered that whoever borrowed the club's projector last overlooked to pack the power cable back in the box and at present it is missing – we would like it back please. Just leave it the hall with a note, thanks.

BRANDIS CORNER WILDLIFE GROUP

The group has a number of Ashwater members and a variety of events take place throughout the year, both inside and outdoors. The next talk is detailed below and non-members are welcome.





Brandis Corner Wildlife Group
 Undertaking projects and promoting public awareness
 in order to protect and benefit existing wildlife and habitats
www.bcwildlifegroup.co.uk Email: bcwildlifegroup@gmail.com



presents:

Owl Sense: The Thrills and Spills of International Owl Watching

with
 Miriam Darlington



It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome the return of Miriam Darlington, who first visited our group in 2016 to talk about and read extracts from her first book on Otters. In this new talk, Devon-based Miriam will tell us how she set off in search of all 13 species of European owl, travelling as far as The Hebrides, Finland, Serbia and Spain. Her illustrated talk, which has been highly praised all around the country, will include readings from her acclaimed second book 'Owl Sense', which describes her journey and the owls encountered on the way. It promises to be a real treat for all! Do come along!





**Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall
 Saturday 9th February, 2019. 2 pm.**

Members: £1 (Adults), 50p (Children)
 Non-Members: £2 (Adults), £1 (Children)

For further details contact June Green on 01409 221050.

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

We have been enjoying unseasonably mild weather for the start 2019 which has encouraged a good turnout on our walks. Our Bude walk, which started from the Tourist Information car park, fielded 43 people and seven dogs which is a record for us! This walk is always popular and started off by taking the canal towpath as far as Rod's Bridge. We then crossed over the bridge and followed the gently ascending lane up onto the cliff top where we picked up the coastal path, turning right again, back towards Bude. The route is about three miles but the time and distance pass surprisingly quickly while walking in a group. The coastal path always has spectacular views together with ancient geology and the effects of very recent coastal erosion. "Compass Tower" now seems perilously close to the cliff edge.

If you are still working on your New Year's resolution to become more active and get out and about why not join us and try a walk with like-minded people? Walking on a regular basis has proven health benefits and evidence continually points to the prevention, management and rehabilitation of long-term conditions which include cancer, Type II diabetes and heart disease.

All of our walks have a leader who will decide on the day if the route is going to be suitable and safe. There is also a back marker who makes sure that nobody is struggling or gets left behind. The walks are all graded 1 – 3 on the programme so that you have an idea of how challenging they are likely to be beforehand. There is no commitment to join us every walk, just come along when you are able. An added bonus is that all of our walks are free.

If you are recovering from illness or your mobility isn't what it used to be, why not try our Monday Level 1 walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy? These walks start at 10.30 am meeting outside the Holsworthy Area Sports Pavilion. Tea and biscuits are served afterwards and it is a great way to socialise and meet new friends.

For further information or a programme please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642.

.....AND FINALLY

Does anyone know where Quoditch Moor House is or was? A family tracing their ancestry understand that around 1810 a family member moved with his family to be an agricultural labourer at Quoditch Moor House. If anyone can help please email the newsletter at ashwaternewsletter@btinternet.com Many thanks.

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