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A healthy, happy New Year to all and many congratulations to our 'award winning shop'.

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

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

3rd January – Pub Lunch, Village Inn 12.30pm

9th January – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

10th January – Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm

11th January, knitting at the coffee morning, 10.00am

17th January – Hall Trustees Meeting, 8.00pm

21st January – Road Closure for parapet repairs at Horse Bridges.

27th January – Equine Car Boot/Table Top Sale, 10.00am

Advance Notice

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

Happy New Year to all with thanks to everyone that made use of the hall during 2018. The coming year sees the 10th anniversary of taking control of the building from the contractors and it has become a fixed and valuable community asset, meeting and in many cases exceeding, the vision of those that around 20 years ago sat down and decided to embark on an ambitious project and replace the existing facilities.

One of the aims was to erect a hall that was 'future proof' and another to ensure it was as environmentally friendly as possible with running costs as low as practical thus keeping hire charges reasonable without the need for regular fund-raising events to pay the bills.

By and large these aims have been met, with the notable exception of adequate storage facilities and that is why after nearly 10 years of successful operation, money is still being raised to improve the facilities and create more space.

Is anyone interested in becoming a hall committee member? We are now embarking on an extra push to raise the rest of the money needed to start work on the hall extension and help in arranging events, either tried and trusted ones or new ventures that enhance community involvement at the same time, would be appreciated.

Knitting Squares with a difference

Friday January 11th 2019 between 10.00am and Noon.
Come along and get squared up and enjoy a cup of coffee at the same time in Ashwater Hall. If you want to know more, phone Wendy Darby on 01409 211229

ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14
THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (ROAD FROM QUODITCH CROSS TO HALWILL MILL CROSS, HALWILL) NOTICE 2019
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give NOTICE that:

From MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019 for a maximum of 5 days
Until FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019 (both dates inclusive)
No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -
ROAD FROM QUODITCH CROSS TO HALWILL MILL CROSS, HALWILL ,
HALWILL BRIDGE TO BRIDGE OVER DISMANTLED RAILWAY
The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - QUODITCH CROSS, HUNSCOTT COTTAGE, HUNTSOTT BEACON, OAK COTTAGE CROSS, BENDIBUS CROSS, BENDIBUS HILL

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -
DEVON HIGHWAYS - PARAPET REPAIRS
For additional information contact:
SKANSKA UK
Telephone: 0330 105 1405 Dated: MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

ASHWATER SHOP

We hope all our customers have enjoyed a very Merry Christmas!

We are delighted to report that the shop won the 'Investing in the Community' Award at the Plunkett Foundation Awards in December.



Mel, Rachael & Kate were very proud to collect the award on behalf of everyone in the shop and community,

The shop intends to do more community activities in the future and to continue being a vital part of the community, thanks to everyone that support us.

Bryan Poole has kindly taken on the role of Community Liaison for the shop. He will be contacting village groups to see if there is any way we can help them.

He will also be happy to try to organise aid for village individuals who struggle to get out and need help with their shopping from the village shop. If you need help or know of anyone who does, please contact John at the shop who will pass on your details to Bryan.

Last month's pub quiz was a great success, as usual it was packed and proved to be a lively and amusing evening! Many thanks to the pub for providing food.

Also, a big thanks to all of the Strangled Turkey singers that turned out to do some carol singing around the village. We hope that you enjoyed our enthusiasm and hopefully the singing!

Diary Date;

Equine (only!) Car Boot/ Table Top Sale -
Sunday 27th Jan, 10am - 1pm, Ashwater Village Car park/Hall. £7.00 per car/table.
Bacon rolls, tea/coffee and cake.

Donations on the door will be going to the shop and another charity (to be decided).

The shop is open as normal on Dec 31st and from 8.30am - 10.30am on Jan 1st.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and looking forward to your continued support at the shop.

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH – 3rd January 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.

LADIES SKITTLES – 10th January 2018

The next Ladies skittles game is on Thursday 10th January at 7.30pm. All ladies are welcome to come and play a friendly game and enjoy supper at the same time. Just turn up and even if you have never played before give it a try.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Show trophies – if you were awarded a trophy at the show and have not yet claimed it for the year please enquire in the shop.

The Society is an RHS Affiliated Society and one of the benefits is one free entrance to an RHS Garden each year for a group of up to 55 members. AHS are open to suggestions for the coming year, Rosemoor is of course our nearest and if any of our members are interested please let either Ivan or Letitia know at the next event – which will be the annual lunch and cobweb blasting walk. We are about to set a date and venue and details will be announced shortly.

ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB

Following the AGM in December the club are looking for a new chairperson, anyone interested? Caroline Gill and Ivan Buxton are continuing as Secretary and Treasurer respectively for a further year and in the meantime any meetings will elect a Chair as required. The next event will be in the Parish Hall Meeting Room at 7.00pm for one hour followed by the annual meal at the Village Inn. A new programme of events for 2019 has been drawn up to be held every third Monday of the month, either in the hall or 'on location' with additional visits to Tamar Otter Sanctuary and Meeth Wildlife site. If you are interested in joining us why not come along to the February meeting on the 18th in the hall when we will be showing some of our work from the past 12 months.

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

Here we are with Christmas behind us and 2019 to look forward to. A New Year generally brings resolutions including losing some of the excess festive calories and 'getting a bit fitter'. Our walks are an ideal way to address physical fitness with the added bonus of improving psychological wellbeing and raising the spirits.

Evidence continually adds to the list of benefits of walking in the prevention, management and rehabilitation of long-term conditions including cancer, Type II diabetes and heart disease. Our walks also benefit our pockets as they are FREE.

Our January programme has a good mix of terrain and scenery. The Bude Canal walk will take us from the Canal out onto the Coastal Path, subject to safe conditions. The Chilsworthy walk visits part of the route the Canal would have taken inland and gives an opportunity to marvel at the engineering and sheer manpower, literally with shovels and wheelbarrows, needed to create the waterway. A gentler woodland walk at Witherdon Woods gives us an opportunity to walk on solid forestry tracks. We are fortunate to have a selection of woodland walks to use in the winter when several of the footpath routes are waterlogged.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year

Our Monday Level 1 walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am. We 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.
Gillian Aston

FREE OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust is once again offering FREE places on the 19 day Outward Bound 'Skills for Life Award' course to young people who live in Devon and who are aged 16-19 (at the time of the course, which will be July/August 2019).

The course is designed to help participants make an effective transition into sixth form, further education or work and is a chance to have a life-shaping adventure with people from all over the world.

The aim of the Skills for Life Award course is that young people challenge themselves, demonstrate progress through 1:1 action planning focused on personal development, work outside of their normal friendship group and leave with a breadth of experience that will enrich personal statements and set them aside from other young people. The main benefits for the young people are seen in greatly improved self-confidence and team working abilities, together with raised aspirations.

The Trust looks for candidates that wouldn't normally have a chance to undertake anything of this nature and will be able to enjoy and benefit from the experience.

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust will meet the full course fee (£1,699pp) for successful applicants and ask that they are responsible for their own transport to the Outward Bound centre of their choice. However, if transport costs are prohibitive then they will look at additional support if possible.

The closing date for applications is Monday 4th February 2019 with interviews for those shortlisted being held 7th and 8th March 2019 in Exeter and young people applying must be available on one or other of these dates. An application form can be downloaded from the Trust website <http://chichestertrust.org> and further details / video clip about the course is also available.

.....AND FINALLY

Many thanks to everyone who delivered the newsletter during the past 12 months or contributed news items – without you, even in this digital age many in the parish would be missing out!

The newsletter in more or less its current format has been published for many years and a collection dating back to September 2001 has been collated, future issues will occasionally contain extracts from these historical master pieces and if anyone has copies prior to this date please let the editor know as we would like to feature some of the more interesting news of the past from time to time.

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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