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

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

2nd June – Big Breakfast, 9am

4th June – Torridge DC waste collection – new arrangements commence

7th June – Pub Lunch, Village Inn 12.30pm

10th June – Jazz Lunch, 12.30pm

18th June – Illustrated Talk, 7.30pm

24th June – Horticultural Society Outing

28th June – Parish Hall AGM, 7.30pm

Advance Notice

Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries
Email: Imyetman@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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – POSTPONED UNTIL 28th JUNE 2018

The postponed hall AGM will take place at 7.30pm in the Jack Moon Hall on 28th June 2018 apologies for the change of date.

As previously advised everyone is invited. Trustee nomination forms remain available in the hall. The published agenda is displayed on the hall notice board.

GRANT SUCCESS

We are pleased to confirm that another £5,000 has been secured by way of a grant from Garfield Weston bringing the total raised and pledged to just over £45,500 towards the hall extension. We will continue raising funds and the next event with proceeds going towards the target is the Jazz Lunch, please lend your support.

JAZZ LUNCH SUNDAY 10th June 2018

Featuring the 'Old Buffers' Trad Jazz Band with doors opening at 12.30 for 1.00pm. There will be a cold buffet followed by homemade desserts, a pay bar and raffle. Tickets are available from the shop at £10 per head or £5 for those under 12 years of age. Please ring to reserve (01409 211192) or call and collect.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – Parish Hall Policy.

On 25th May 2018 the above regulations came into force.

Ashwater Parish Hall holds certain personal data arising through booking and use of the hall. This may be in electronic format and/or paper records.

Electronic items (e.g. email) are held in password protected storage and retrieval systems and only used for communicating and imparting information regarding hall booking and use.

The hall does not operate any electronic data storage on the premises and records are held on personal computers or similar equipment (smart phones, tablets etc) belonging to Trustees and Hall Officials.

This data will be removed from the records periodically but will also be deleted upon reasonable request.

Trustees do not utilise any personal data collected on behalf of the hall for any purpose other than hall matters.

Paper records are stored both on and off the hall premises in a secure manner. These records are periodically shredded and destroyed.

Hall trustee's/official's personal data may be sent to the Charity Commission as required to conform with the appropriate registration and operation of the hall charity.

It is important that details are kept up to date and those booking and using the hall are requested to advise if they wish records to be updated and old information deleted.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is interested in donating funds to worthwhile community projects. If you have any suggestions or proposals that would improve the village, please email the Parish Clerk on parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome Councillor John Hart as its guest speaker at its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 9th May. Councillor Hart is the leader of Devon County Council and provided an entertaining and informative talk which covered the current issues facing Devon as a whole from funding for schools to planning new developments.

Ashwater Village Inn

The Parish Council hosted a public meeting on 14th May to discuss the Village Inn and what can be done to save it – thank you to the 38 people who attended. Basically, the pub needs more customers, so if you're off out for a drink or a meal, head for the Village Inn. Anyone interested in forming an initial committee of three people with a view to saving the pub should contact the Parish Clerk parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk

RECYCLING, GARDEN AND FOOD WASTE

Torridge District Council have now introduced their new waste and recycling collections. (Commencing 4th June 2018). Firstly, there is NOW A CHARGE OF £35.00 per year for collection of green garden waste (the Wheelie Bin), but households have to sign up first. This can be done online at www.torridge.uk/gardenwaste or telephone 01237 428700 (use option 3 when the 'phone is answered). Payment online or over the telephone may be made by credit or debit card. Those preferring to pay by cheque must complete a form and post it with their payment. The subscription in all cases runs from 4th June 2018 to 31st May 2019 and there are no pro-rata payments. Those subscribing will be able to have their wheeled bins collected as usual once a fortnight.

Please note 'Garden Waste' includes grass and hedge clippings, pruning, shrub cuttings, twigs, small branches, leaves, windfall fruit, dead houseplants, flowers and weeds. Please do not include plastic and plastic bags, pet waste, soil, turf, rubble, metal, glass, paper, cardboard, food waste and peelings, timber and flower pots.

Secondly, a Food Waste Collection Service will operate weekly. Appropriate caddies have been delivered to all households, if you have not had them delivered please contact Torridge District Council. Food waste includes bread, pastries, dairy products, meat, bones, tea leaves and bags, coffee grounds, fish and fish bones, fruit, vegetables, salad items and cut flowers. Please DO NOT line the caddies with plastic bags, use compostable bags or newspaper please.

The Black Bag Collection now takes place once a fortnight – bags should be put out by 5.45am and the recycling boxes plus food waste caddies by 7.00am weekly. Please do not use the black bags for food waste, recyclable items, DIY or trade waste or garden waste.

The green bag is for paper and the brown bag for cardboard. The black box is for glass bottles and jars, the green box should be used for recycling items including plastic bottles, food trays, margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, food tins, drink cans, aluminium foil, aerosol cans (no tops), household batteries and small electrical items. No Pyrex, vision ware, black plastic, cling film, light bulbs, car batteries, engine oil bottles, tetrapak, plastic bags, drink cartons or milk cartons.

ROAD CLOSURE

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14
THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (CROSS LANES TO BRADFORD CROSS, ASHWATER)
NOTICE 2018 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give NOTICE that:
On THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018 for a maximum of 5 days
Anticipated Finish THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018

Between the hours of 07:00 and 18:00

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads except for access to land or premises on or adjacent to those length of roads.

Roads affected -

CROSS LANES TO BRADFORD CROSS, ASHWATER

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via -ASHMILL CROSS, ST PETERS CHURCH, ASHWATER CROSS, LONGLANDS CROSS, AND VICE VERSA

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -

REMEDIAL WORKS

For additional information contact:

SOUTH WEST HIGHWAYS

Telephone: 01752 426295 Dated: THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018

Meg Booth

Chief Officer of Highways, Infrastructure Development & Waste

Devon Highways, Devon County Council, Lucombe House, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD

ASHWATER SHOP

As we are sure you are aware, John has not been in the shop recently due to ill health, so we would all like to wish him a speedy recovery and let him know how much he is missed.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have gone the extra mile to fill in for John during this period and all the customers who have continued to give their support to the shop.

Should anyone have a free hour or two each week and be happy to volunteer, please speak to Rachel at the shop. Help of any kind would be gratefully received.

ASHWATER CHURCH – BIG BREAKFAST SATURDAY 2nd JUNE

The 'Big Breakfast' will be held in the hall at 9am on Saturday 2nd June 2018 – please come along and get set up for the day, chat with friends and help towards church funds.

Help Needed

Volunteers needed now to help mow, strim & tidy Ashwater Churchyard. Area divided into manageable sections. Equipment available. Please phone Eric Moon 211445 for more information and to join the rota.

Thanks to Brian Williams for helping with the machinery recently.

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH – 7th June 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 CAMERA CLUB – 18th June 2018

There will be an illustrated talk by Nigel Hicks on 18th June in the hall at 7.30pm. £7 on the door to non-members to include refreshments. Nigel is an experienced professional photographer specialising in Dartmoor landscapes, nature and travel. This promises to be an evening of interest to all, not just photo club members as he has travelled to some exotic places with his camera and his work has appeared in the National Geographic Magazine, a publication renowned for the array of stunning images it portrays.

Recently Nigel was awarded the winning entry at the annual International Color Awards held in Los Angeles a prestigious achievement. Those who read the Western Morning News 'West Magazine' may have seen the four full pages featuring a sample of his work and with a new book just published featuring photos of Devon we can be sure of an entertaining evening and one not to be missed.

See posters on the notice boards or contact Caroline Gill, Secretary (email doodlewiz@gmail.com) for full details.

ART GROUP

The group meets most Tuesdays in the Village hall from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. We have a varied programme including tutored sessions of drawing, painting and print making. 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 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sunday 24th June. We propose visiting Docton Mill and Hartland Abbey. The Abbey Gardens open at 11am and there is a Tea Room for light lunches, or simply take a pic-nic. The Abbey itself is open from 2pm, both gardens and Abbey close at 5pm. Free car parking and dogs on leads are welcome. Entry to the gardens costs £9.00.

Docton Mill is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm and costs £4.50 or £4.25 for Senior Citizens (children under 18yrs are Free). The gardens are themed on Wild Flowers situated in a valley (not suitable for wheel chairs and may prove difficult for those with walking difficulty). Dogs on leads please. The Tea Room is 'famous' for the quality of Cream Teas!

We will email members nearer the date to confirm the meeting time and place as well as car sharing if required. Non-Members are welcome as well.

Sunday 8th July. A visit to Trebah and Glendurgan. Further details nearer the day.

The 'Tallest Sunflower Competition' – has now started, thank you Paula.

For further information on all these events please email lmynetman@btinternet.com or phone 01409 211131

Please help us raise money for Parkinson's UK Walk for Parkinson's The South West Coast Path

On June 24th we are joining this fundraising event and will be walking 6.75 miles along part of the South West Coast Path to raise funds for the charity Parkinson's UK.

Parkinson's Disease is a progressive, debilitating condition for which, at present, there is no cure. Every hour someone in the UK is told they have Parkinson's Disease. It can be devastating and potentially life changing news. It can make 6.75 miles of coastal walking seem much further and more challenging for someone with Parkinson's Disease than it did before the condition began to impact on movement and stamina.

Parkinson's UK relies on donations to support people with Parkinson's Disease and their families, to fund nurses, education programmes and research, etc. Finding new treatments and potentially, a cure, requires considerable funding which can be helped by supporting and/or sponsoring events such as the one in which we are involved.

Any donation would be gratefully received. Every penny goes to this deserving charity.

Sponsor forms will be in the shop or, if you prefer, speak to Brian or me. You would be very welcome to join us on the walk if you so wish.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this.
Sue and Brian George

LAUNCESTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW - Thursday 26th July 2018

Email: launcestonshowsecretary@hotmail.co.uk www.launcestonshow.co.uk Cattle, Sheep and Horse Classes. Poultry Classes. Trade Stands; Arts, Crafts & Small Businesses; Cornwall & Devon Foods; Creative Community. Application forms & schedules available from: Show Secretary, 12 Southgate Street, Launceston PL15 9DP or PO Box 173, Launceston, PL19 0BP

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

Due to the late spring our Meldon Bluebell Walk was deferred for a week to allow the bluebells to 'catch up'. They did not disappoint. As well as being a feast for the eyes to see such a dense carpet of flowers spreading for several hectares (although I am still more familiar with acres!) their scent filled the air which was lovely.

As this was the first time our Group had visited Meldon, David Arney, our Walk Coordinator and Walk Leader on the day gave us a brief but fascinating history of the industrial activity which has been carried out there. Firstly, we came upon entrances into the rock which were some of the remains from arsenic mining. Next came Meldon Pool formed by limestone quarrying which began around 1790. The limestone was hauled along a tramway before being tipped in to the lime kiln, the remains of which can still be clearly seen. Layers of charcoal would then be added to layers of limestone until the kiln was full, then lit and left to burn over several days to a heat of over 800 degrees C! When cooled the resulting quicklime would then be shovelled out into the waiting wagons of local farmers, weighed at the old weigh-house which can also still be seen, and taken to be used for improving local farmland.

We then walked underneath Meldon Viaduct built in the 1800s by LSWR and ran trains to Tavistock, Plymouth and Bude. Next came another quarry formed as a result of findings in the 1900s of a fairly unique rock in Britain called Aplite which was used for making glass. Unfortunately, the glass making enterprise was quite short lived as it was difficult to achieve consistent clear glass of the quality and quantity required. So, this business closed in 1921 resulting in over 100 workers losing their jobs. On the way back to the car park we crossed Meldon Dam and Reservoir which were completed in 1972.

Walking for Health promotes the benefits of walking to help conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and cancer and also psychological health. At Meldon we not only experienced the physical benefits of walking but the fascinating industrial history and the beauty of Dartmoor were tonics to the soul.

Our Monday Level 1 walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am from The Scout Hut next to the Leisure Centre. We return to The Pavilion for post-walk refreshments on the 21st May, an experience we will share with readers next month. The Friday walks move off at 10.30 am from various locations around the area. Details can be found on our walk programme. All walks are free.

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.

Wiser£money

A partnership between Encompass South West and Wessex Resolutions, Wiser£money provides free, confidential and impartial advice - across Torridge.

Financial hardship can affect anyone at any time in their lives. Getting money and debt advice can be difficult, especially for families living in rural areas or for people that have a health condition that makes travelling to the nearest town difficult. This is where Wiser£money can help, by offering local drop-ins advice surgeries, appointments and home visits.

What advice can be given? Money£wise advisers can help with:

- ☒ Welfare benefits advice and take up
- ☒ Budgeting and income maximisation
- ☒ Money and debt advice
- ☒ Fuel and energy advice
- ☒ Accessing other support agencies

For further information about this service, you can contact a Wiser£money adviser on 01823 461099 or email: enquiries@wisermoney.org.uk
Alternatively, call into the Volunteer Centre in Bideford (Mon, Tues, Weds and Thurs)

Devon Voluntary Action (DeVa)

Devon Voluntary Action celebrates the work of volunteers across the County

Volunteers across the county will be thanked for their contribution during Volunteers' Week, which runs from 1-7 June.

Devon Voluntary Action's (DeVA) partners want to help local charities to say 'thank you' to volunteers who have made a real difference to the community and the people they work with. DeVA will host a Celebration Event on their website throughout the week, with promotion also on their social media sites.

Clare Humphreys, DeVA Volunteering Support Co-ordinator said "Volunteers are a shining example of how we can all make a difference to individuals and communities every day from improving the environment we live in, spending time with those who may otherwise be lonely and contributing to a range of other essential services and support. We are pleased that we are able to help promote all the great work volunteers do in our area."

To see those volunteers who have been nominated and who we are celebrating, please go to www.devonva.org/volunteering

If you are interested in knowing what volunteer opportunities are available to you in your area please visit [www.devonva.org/want to volunteer](http://www.devonva.org/want_to_volunteer)

Devon Voluntary Action (DeVA) is a partnership of locally based organisations providing comprehensive support to Devon's voluntary and community sector.

.....And Finally

Many thanks to Brian and Molly Colebrook-Clark who are undertaking to deliver newsletters in the areas previously covered by Eric Burnill.

Don't forget if you would like a copy by email or no longer wish to receive one then please confirm to: ashwaternewsletter@btinternet.com

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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