

Comment: There are important matters arising in May – Devon County Council Elections (4th May) the Parish Council AGM (10th May) and the Hall AGM (31st May), followed on 8th June (as if you didn't know) by a little matter of a General Election. This is the only mention the Newsletter will make of the latter as we cannot include any political material in our publication.

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

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

2nd May – Men's Skittles, 10 pin bowling at Trethorne.

4th May – District Council Elections

4th May - Pub Lunch, Village Inn, 12.30pm

5th May – Steel Band Practice, 6pm-8.30pm

6th May – Plant Sale, 10am-Noon

6th May – Defibrillator Training, 2pm

7th May – Bluebell Walk, 2.30pm at the Church

10th May- Parish Council AGM 7.30pm

11th May – Defibrillator Training, 7pm

13th May – Cider Farm Visit, meet 10am in the car park

20th May – Craft and Produce Fair, 1pm – 4pm

31st May – Hall AGM 7.30pm for 8pm

Advance Notice

3rd June – Church and Community Project Meeting, 2pm

Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries

Email: 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

Post Office

Hours: Mon – Frid: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

PARISH HALL

Annual General Meeting – Change of Date

The Hall AGM will be held on May 31st 2017 in the hall commencing with refreshments and snacks at 7.30pm followed by the business of the day at 8.00pm. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.

All Parish residents may attend and those over 18 years of age are permitted to vote for election of Trustees, adoption of the accounts and any other appropriate agenda matters.

As previously mentioned in the April Newsletter there have been changes in the way in which Charities may be governed and in January the Hall Trustees voted to recommend to the AGM that a constitutional change should be undertaken to enable the Hall Charity to become incorporated. A copy of the resolutions is displayed on the hall notice board. These may also be downloaded from the Parish Website along with a draft copy of the proposed constitution. www.ashwaterparish.org.uk and follow the link to the hall page.

The hall needs active Trustees in order to function. Please consider becoming either a Trustee or joining a sub-committee.

Trustee nominations should be submitted to the Secretary before the date of the AGM. There are nomination forms in the hall, each nominee must be willing to stand and be proposed and seconded.

There will normally be quarterly Trustees Meetings and you should expect to attend to discuss hall business and implement decisions.

Sub-committees are set up as required, but it is usual for a General Purposes Committee to meet once a month to deal with ongoing maintenance issues and fund raising events.

AGM – Agenda

1. Minutes of AGM 2016
2. Matters Arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Adoption of Accounts
5. Change of Constitution
6. Election of Trustees
7. Election of Officers
8. Any Other Business at the discretion of the Chair.

Railway Closure Commemoration

Thank you to the numerous people who helped to make the Railway Commemoration Weekend so successful and enjoyable.

The exhibition of local photographs and other railway memorabilia was especially popular. Grateful thanks are due to those who lent items including Brian Colebrook-Clark, Margaret May-Yates, Roy Moon, Trevor Moon, Bryan Lewens, Doreen Musson, Sue King, Pat Williams and David Viggers.

Others who helped were Eric Burnill and Pat and Mike Brown. Stuart Turner renovated and painted the display boards.

External contributors included Bob Rush of the OkeRail Project, Alan Tubb and CPRE Devon.

The good weather enabled Pat Williams to show visitors the Ashwater Station Booking Hall and grounds. Many thanks go to her for the hard work put in to make this possible.

As the result of the Railway Event, donations from Letitia Yetman's party and the Waitrose Community Fund we were able to transfer £1985.00 into the reserve account towards the extension fund. Thank you all concerned.

Fund raising coffee mornings continue each Friday at 10.30am in the hall (except on 12th May as the hall is fully booked).

A disco has been booked for 18th November 2017 – so make a note in your diaries. Further events are being considered at present including a Safari Supper in the Autumn and a Summer B-B-Q.

If anyone wishes to make suggestions for events please let us know, even better, help to organise one!

PARISH COUNCIL

Defibrillator Awareness Training – the parish council has arranged for training on the following dates - Saturday 6th May, 2pm - 4pm and Thursday 11th May, 7pm - 9pm. If anyone would like to attend any of the sessions, please speak to any of the councillors or email the clerk: parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk.

Dog's Trust Care Scheme – is a FREE service that gives you peace of mind, knowing that Dogs Trust will care for your dog/s if you pass away before they do. If you pass away and have a Canine Care Card, the Dog's Trust will arrange to bring your dog/s to our nearest rehoming centre. Upon arrival they will be examined by our expert vet and cared for by our dedicated, trained staff. To request an application form or find out more about the Canine Care Card, please call Supporter Relations team on 020 7837 0006.

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.

Ashwater Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 7.30pm and will be followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting.

ASHWATER CHURCH – BLUEBELL WALK SUNDAY 7TH MAY, 2.30pm

There will be a guided walk from the Church to Cross Lanes and into Priestacott Wood, covering approximately 2 miles on Sunday 7th May 2017. Please wear wellingtons or stout boots. £5.00 to include a Cream Tea. Access to the bluebell woods is by the kind permission of P & K Beare.

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY -4TH MAY

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.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

There are two events this month – the annual plant sale will be held at the hall (under the canopy) on Saturday 6th May between 10.00am and Noon. Donated plants very welcome as proceeds go towards the Annual Show on 19th August 2017. Tea, coffee and cake will also be on sale.

A visit has been arranged to Haywood Cider Farm near the village of St. Mabyn. Cider has been produced on the farm's granite cider press for centuries. A tour of the farm's extensive orchards will be followed by a barbecue and of course some cider sampling – non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

Members £5.00 (Non-Members also welcome at £10.00 per head). Meet in the hall car park at 10.00am for car sharing. It would be very helpful if you could email: ibuxton16@btinternet.com by 10th May (or ring 01409 221073) to confirm your attendance as the Farm needs to know numbers for catering.

A tractor and trailer will provide transport around the orchard for those less fleet of foot.

The Annual Show Schedule will be available in May, copies will be in the shop and can be downloaded from the parish website. Go to www.ashwaterparish.org.uk and click on to the Local Clubs page.

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis is played in the Parish Hall twice weekly on Tuesdays from 11am for one hour and Saturdays from 10am for two hours. All levels are welcome and we can provide bats and limited tuition. There are four tables so plenty of opportunity for practice as well as contested games!

BADMINTON

Badminton will not take place on 4th May due to the DCC Elections but will continue each Thursday morning at 10am until Noon, thereafter - just £2 to cover hall costs. Everyone is welcome.

CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR – 20TH MAY

The next Ashwater craft & produce fair will be in aid of the DEVON AIR AMBULANCE and will be held on Saturday 20th May at Ashwater parish hall from 1.00pm–4.00pm..

Please come and join us for such a worthy cause where there will be a wide variety of stalls refreshments (including delicious bacon rolls) & raffle.

MEN'S SKITTLES

The Arthur Palmer Memorial KO Cup match was played on 4th April with Roy Graham winning for the second time. Eric Moon was runner up. The season has now ended and Ashwater have consolidated their presence in the second division for another year. The new season begins in September.

The end of season 10 pin bowling evening will take place at Trethorne at 7pm on 2nd May.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

Arrangements are being made to undertake a church and community project that aims to embrace a variety of aspects of active participation. There will be a meeting in the hall on 3rd June at 2.00pm (refreshments provided) covering various aspects of the overall project which aims to include such matters as how National historical events impacted upon the village by examining the Churchwardens Accounts and looking into the Parish Registers to aid ancestry enquiries.

If you are interested in the history of Ashwater and would like to assist in uncovering information to create accessible records then please attend the preliminary meeting.

Meanwhile one of the projects being undertaken is a Natural History Survey of the Churchyard covering the four seasons of the year. If anyone is interested in taking part, previous experience is not necessary, just enthusiasm and commitment, please contact Ivan Buxton on 01409 221073 or email ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Initially we would like to examine the gravestones to identify the lichen and mosses present and record details for monitoring.

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB

As you may know the Football Club was unable to compete during the past season but it is hoped the Club will reform for the forthcoming 2017 season. Anyone interested in playing aged 16 or considerably older! Please call Darren on 01409211 087 or Andrew on 01409211 479. It is hoped that the team ethos will be based on participation and enjoyment, winning may be a desirable extra.

In recent months two fundraising events have been held for the Football Club. Firstly Carol Moon organised a Dance, then the Craft Fair organised by Hazel Thomas. Thanks to all who supported and helped in these events. If the Football Club is unable to reform the proceeds of these events will be donated to the Air Ambulance Funds.

BRATTON CLOVELLY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ART

Friday, 2nd June, 2017. 7.30pm

Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall EX20 4JT

Semi-Toned, the winners of Gareth Malone's 'The Choir' - concert and light buffet

In conjunction with the Charles Causley Centenary Festival - Doors and Bar 7pm.

Praised for their creativity, uniqueness and vocal acrobatics this highly acclaimed choir from the University of Exeter embraces music of a variety of genres. After their winning performance in 'The Choir: Garith's Best in Britain', aired on BBC2 in 2016 and the Voice Festival UK in 2-15, we're very pleased to welcome them to Bratton Clovelly. Their talent and exuberance will delight you.

"... a fantastically spirited performance." Gareth Malone

Tickets: £10 adults/£8 Under 18s

To book: Email: brattonclovellyfestival@gmail.com

Phone: [01837 871696](tel:01837871696) Phone or text: [07813499740](tel:07813499740)

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL – COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

Week commencing 1st May 2017 – all collections will be one day late.

Please ensure your Recycling box and bags and wheelie bin are placed at kerbside by 7:00am or the evening before. Black bag refuse should be placed at kerbside by 6:00am or the evening before - See more at:

<http://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/14375/Refuse-and-Recycling#sthash.JdO9DZ64.dpuf>

.....AND FINALLY

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for a charity run in aid of Clic Sargent. I completed the run on Friday 21st April and managed to raise £65.00 for this fantastic charity.

Many thanks again, Isabelle May.

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