

**PARISH HALL – 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 21ST March**

How often do you genuinely get something for nothing? Well to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the official opening of the “new hall” everyone is invited to an Afternoon Tea Party Free of Charge!

The fun starts at 3.30pm, closing at 6.00pm. There will be something for all, young and not so young with entertainment by the Ashwater Steel Band as well as Traditional Games. For those requiring something a little stronger than tea or coffee to accompany their repast the bar will be open.

Please be sure to help by making way on time at the end of the afternoon as at 7.30pm the evening entertainment will begin, this time a small charge of £6.00 per head is needed as there will be dancing to “Iguana Sunset”. Food and a bar will be available.

Tickets are already being snapped up so be sure to reserve yours by ringing Bob Griggs on 01409 211913 or call in the shop where they are on sale and be sure to pick up the invitation flyer as by completing the details and attending the event you will be entered into the Lucky Prize Draw. The prize is a 3 course carvery for two at Lakeside, Roadford Lake.

Any surplus proceeds from the evening will go towards essential hall maintenance and the planned extension fund.

The party is a way of saying ‘thank you’ to all the hall users over the past 5 years. When the hall was commissioned certain undertakings had already been given to the Big Lottery Fund, the main source of the grant money used for the project, and these included usage milestones to demonstrate the need for a new hall was not misplaced.

All the requirements were met within the first two years, thanks to the wide variety of events and activities undertaken, many of which were not envisaged at the hall planning stage. Amazingly, against all predictions based on use at other halls our hall is as popular as ever. So thanks again to all and it is hoped this will be to advantage in any further application for Lottery Funding.

**ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB - CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR -
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 1 - 4 PM in the VILLAGE HALL.**

An even bigger range of crafts and fresh produce available from local producers and crafters. Meat, vegetables, homemade cakes, cards, jams, knitted and fabric items, herbs and spices. wooden items, Nepalese throws (not locally made!!) and much more. Ashwater Football Club are providing the refreshments throughout the afternoon - teas, coffees biscuits and bacon baps. Come along and help your local football team, have a chat and perhaps even buy that special something for yourself or as a gift.

The other dates for the year are 13th June, 5th September and 5th December.

Comment: This month sees the 5th anniversary of the official opening of the ‘new’ hall. Go along to the party and celebrate the success of the village in sustaining and supporting the hall way beyond the original benchmarks.

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

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

2nd March-Photo Group, 7.30pm.

5th March – Ladies Skittles Evening 7.30pm

9th and 23rd March, Craft & Chatter 2pm at Ashgreen

11th March – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

21st March, Hall 5th Anniversary Celebrations, starting 3.30pm

28th March, Craft Fayre 1pm – 4pm

Advance Notice

4th April, A Musical Feast, Parish Hall 7pm

Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries

Tel: 01409 211213

Email: Bob.griggs1@btopenworld.com

Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)

Hours: Mon – Frid: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.30am to Noon

Sunday: 9am to 12 Noon

Post Office

Hours: Mon – Frid: 9.00am to 4.30pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Telephone: 01409 211192

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB

If you are shopping in Waitrose in March please could you support our village club by placing your green tokens in our slot. We will also be providing bacon baps at the Craft Fayre in Ashwater Parish Hall on March 28th, please come along and support us.

YOGA

Please note the following dates for Yoga in Ashwater: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 2015. The new term will then start on Wednesday 15th April 2015. Ring Penny Steventon on 07850 247005 for more details and booking.

CRAFT & CHATTER

March Craft & Chatters will take place at 'Ashgreen' on Monday 9th & 23rd from 2pm until 4pm. As usual if you haven't any craft please come along and join us in kitting blanket squares and a chat over a cup of tea. Any more details please phone Wendy Darby on 211229.

LADIES SKITTLES

We are a friendly group of ladies who enjoy a game of skittles. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Parish Hall Skittle Alley at 7.30 pm - next meeting Thursday March 5th. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. Why not come along! No experience necessary. For further information contact Margaret May-Yates (211444) or Wendy Darby (211229)

BADMINTON –WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Badminton continues on Wednesday evenings in the hall at 8pm and every other week on Thursday Mornings at 10am. Come along for a fun game.

ART GROUP

The Art Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm– everyone including beginners are welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

The photographic group meets once a month normally on the first Monday at 7.30pm – new members always welcome.

ASHWATER HORTICUTLURAL SOCIETY

Following the Group visit to RHS Rosemoor on Saturday 28th February 2015 the next outing will be on: Saturday 28th or Sunday 29th Mar 2015 with a visit to the spring flower show at Boconnoc, Loswithiel, PL22 0RG

An opportunity to see the wealth of Cornwall's flowers and plants displayed in the beautiful surroundings of the Boconnoc Estate. Advanced booking rate £6 for either day. Please let us know which day you would like to attend and how many tickets you would like and we will obtain your tickets at the advanced rate or £8 on the gate. Please contact: Chairman - Gordon Bennett dianegordon@madasafish.com Secretary - Louise Webber webberlouise@hotmail.com Treasurer - Letitia Yetman lmyetman@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council share the concerns about the safety and guarding the children in Ashwater. However it has no power in this area. The police have said that a specialist person from the Public Protection unit can advise how these people will be managed once they are released from prison. The police will be working with residents and the school, however in the meantime if anyone has any concerns they can contact the police direct.

The work of the Parish Council is to maintain the footpaths, war memorial, village green and any associated village works. We do our best in planning to support local applications and allocate money from the precept to support the hall, shop and other local organizations. We are also custodians of the village green. Being members of the community, the parish councilors above all understand the needs of our residents. If anyone would like to join the Parish Council, nomination forms for the May elections will be available from the clerk from the 5 March 2015, please contact Sheila Myers (clerk@sheanddave.plus.com – 07841717913). If you would like further information on the work of the Parish Council, please feel free to speak to any of the councilors.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm.

POLICE PUBLIC PROTECTION MEETING – 5th March 2015

PCSO Mark James has confirmed that there will be a 'Police Public Protection Meeting' at 7:00pm on Thursday 5th March in Ashwater Parish Hall.

This is an open meeting and every one may attend, whether seeking to support the views of the organizers, clarification of the legal position or to gain an understanding of the general position.

"A MUSICAL FEAST" - EASTER SATURDAY APRIL 4th – 7pm

In aid of Ashwater Church Tower Fund. Live familiar music from Jazz to tantalizing Mozart. Tickets £10 (under 18 and those in education £5) to include an Evening Meal of either Beef Chilli (not too hot) or Chicken Supreme (not hot) or Vegetarian option, all served with rice and French stick plus a selection of homemade sweets and cheese and biscuits. Wine, beer, lager and non-alcoholic drinks will be on sale.

Tickets available from Ashwater Village Shop or to book telephone Tim Luxton 01409 211419 or Sue Shute 01409 211452. All bookings by Sat Mar 28th – please state whether beef, chicken or vegetarian.

ASHWATER SHOP**SHOP TALK from Sue & Yvonne**

February had been a busy month for the Shop - John is settling in well and getting to grips with the day to day comings and goings of customers, individual working preferences of the volunteers and which deliveries arrive on what days! Time has flown - one month into the job John has taken charge of the Shop and his Post Office training with Ivan is well underway.

Greetings Cards are always popular in the Shop, in addition to the lines we already carry Wendy Lee has been busy sourcing new suppliers to increase the choice on offer. Hazel Thomas's beautiful handmade cards will be in the Shop again in plenty of time for Mothers Day and Easter. We've still got all the cards for special occasions such as *Age 11*, *Age 50* or *Special Aunt*, but they're no longer part of the main display, please ask if you can't find what you want.

We are delighted Liz Fisher is able to volunteer in the Shop again - her enthusiasm is just what the Shop needs at this time of year. John, Liz, Sue and Yvonne are working together on a number of changes to improve the shop for everyone - from time to time lines not selling well will be given a generous reduction, such as the bottles of rose wine lowered to £4.99 earlier this month. This enables us to re-stock the shelves with goods we do all want to purchase. John is building up an understanding of what we want to buy from the Shop, and what we might like to buy; he is working his way through past sales data, doing the stock take and talking to as many people as he can.

Is there something you'd like the Shop to sell? Are there things you think we should not stock? Please tell us - every opinion is important.

At the next AGM on Wednesday 24th June sadly Ivan and Diane will be stepping down from their posts of Treasurer and Secretary after 5 years of solid support for the Shop...more news about this in the next Newsletter. Sue & Yvonne Shop Joint-Chair.

Shop Grant

Many thanks to Cllr Barry Parsons for recommending the shop for an award of £1,000 from the Councillor Community Grants Scheme. Confirmation has been received that the money has been granted and will enable replacement of a faulty air conditioning unit in time for what is hoped will be a long hot summer!

This grant scheme is administered by Torridge District Council for the benefit of projects or organizations within 'Torridge'.

A REMINDER: MOTHER'S DAY – 15th March.

As mentioned above, cards are on sale in the shop.

ANOTHER REMINDER: British Summertime Begins 28th March

APOLOGIES

Due to email problems and holiday leave there were some newsletter distribution difficulties last month. Copies are always available in the shop or if you receive one by email and know of a neighbour or friend who would like a copy please print one off and pass it on.

.....AND FINALLY

Many thanks to Eric Gill for providing the hard copies of the new Bus Timetables being distributed with the newsletter.

ADVERT

Join the Revolution!

We are a local postal service operating from Brandis Corner, five miles outside of Holsworthy. Collections (EX20, 21, 22 & 23 postcodes) are made daily from local businesses, with delivery the same or next day to their customers. Geared towards business traffic, Postees offers same or next day delivery of letters and packages for a delivery charge at least 10% less than its competitors. We offer credit facilities – so use the service before you pay for it!

Postees runs alongside BAC Couriers, a delivery service for over 100 online shopping outlets such as Next, Amazon, Dorothy Perkins, Cotton Traders and many more well known brands. They currently deliver up to 6,000 parcels per week to an area stretching from Week St Mary to Whiddon Down, Tavistock to Torrington. Both businesses are looking to expand into Exeter, then Barnstaple.

Postees / BAC Director Mike Clark said: "This is an opportunity for people to both save money and support local enterprise. Currently we have created 12 jobs and believe with local support this could build to over thirty within 12 months. As we succeed and grow further we will in turn, support local charities and worthwhile causes".

For further information – or to explore the possibility of working for us – please contact Mike, Jane Drummond or John Ody on 01409 231106.

PS – We can even hire you a bouncy castle with Jump On Us via 07814 442667!



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Distribution of Newsletters

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