

PARISH HALL

FAMILY DISCO NIGHT

This event was postponed until the spring – further details next year!

EXTENSION FUND

Thank you to all who managed to vote for our project with AVIVA, but we were not successful in securing sufficient votes on this occasion.

We have raised circa £40,000 towards our goal of £75,000 which includes some work on the car park and a contingency allowance. Once we are a bit closer to the estimated end figure we will be seeking tenders for the building work and hopefully this will be in the late Spring of 2018. Meanwhile we would welcome any donations towards the project.

HALL COSTS

Hall running costs are met from hire charges and fund-raising events. Last month the newsletter outlined the type of expenses involved, but did not mention any actual figures.

The accounts are always available and copies of the annual return of income and expenditure are distributed at the Annual General Meeting. The trustees who are all volunteers, meet regularly and are provided with details including a balance sheet by the treasurer. Should anyone require a copy of these interim figures please contact any of the trustees and these will be provided.

It seems there has been some recent general discussion about the 'bar charge' of £25.00 at events hosting the sale and consumption of alcohol. Ever since the hall opened the hall has published details of the hire charges and these have always included a £25.00 fee when a bar has been declared and operated. This is done to help offset the annual licence fee paid by the hall to Torridge District Council that enables events to be held in the hall without the need for the hirer to apply for, secure and pay for a 'Temporary Event Notice'.

Hirers are reminded that if a bar is being operated they are obliged to notify the hall at the time of booking and to ensure a responsible adult is in charge at the event. The area within the hall where alcohol may be sold and/or consumed does not include the car park, toilets or grounds beyond the external canopy area, for safety reasons. A plan of the area is always on display in the main hall.

Money received from the bookings this financial year so far, is approximately £3,700 with the cost of goods and services amounting to around £3,900, (excluding electricity which benefits from income from the solar/pv panels in the summer months). This indicates the level of hire charges is reasonable bearing in mind there are other expenses, such as ongoing maintenance. These additional costs (which also include such things as insurance) are invariably met from donations and events organised by the hall trustees.

The trustees have always ensured that a reasonable contingency fund is kept in reserve for unexpected expenditure and this is particularly

Comment:



Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to all our readers, subscribers and helpers.

Newsletter: Contributions for the next Newsletter by 23rd December please. ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

2nd December – Craft Fair – 1pm-4.00pm

7th December – Lunch at the Village Inn, 12.30pm

7th December Ladies Skittles, 7.30pm

9th December – Shop Christmas Party, 6.30pm

11th December – Xmas Wreath Making, 7pm

12th December – PTFA Evening Tea, School at 5pm

18th December – Camera Club AGM, 7.30pm

Advance Notice

Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries

Email: lmynetman@btinternet.com

Tel: 01409 211131

Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)

See Page 3 for Shop/PO Christmas Opening

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

important now the hall is approaching its 8th full year of operation and the inevitable cost of wear and tear begins to bite.

Coffee Mornings

Thank you again to everyone who attends the Friday Coffee Mornings. Over £1,100 has now been raised towards the extension fund from donations at these social gatherings (the figure mentioned last month was for the present financial year). All are welcome to pop in from 10.30am to Noon.

Shop Lease

The hall and the shop/PO are mutually advantageous, both run for the benefit of the parish (and beyond). A new 7year lease has been agreed to enable the shop/PO to continue operating within the hall grounds at a peppercorn rent. Both utilise the same electricity supplier, thus gaining some economy of scale on unit price and sharing the feed in tariff generated by the solar/pv panels on the hall roof. At present both the hall and shop/PO are granted dispensation from business rates thus helping each to thrive, but above all it is the support shown by the hall hirers and shop customers aided by the voluntary work and commitment of committee members that ensures Ashwater continues to profit from these facilities. We wish them all a very happy Christmas.

PARISH COUNCIL

New Parish Clerk

The Ashwater Parish is delighted to welcome Pip Selley as our new Parish Clerk. Pip lives to the north of the parish and has extensive administrative experience in the legal profession. If you need to contact her or the Parish Council, please email: parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk

Second Defibrillator

The Ashwater Parish Council would like to thank our local Ward Councillor Zyg Gregorek for kindly donating £1500 towards the purchase of a second defibrillator for the village.

Invitation to Tender

The Ashwater Parish Council is asking contractors to tender for a period of three years for the following:

- Cutting and strimming grass on the village green (approximately 15 cuts)
- Strimming around four planters located on the outskirts of the village (approximately 15 cuts)
- Strimming Church Walk - the main footpath in the village (two cuts)

All the cuttings would need to be taken away.

The contractor should have public liability insurance and be able to supply a copy to the parish council. All tenders should be emailed to: parishcouncil@ashwaterparish.org.uk

Footpaths

If anyone spots a problem with any of the parish footpaths please let the Parish Council know so that maintenance can be arranged.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR – 2ND DECEMBER

Come along and support the Christmas Craft Fair at Ashwater Parish Hall on 2nd December there will be a bumper number of stalls with a great opportunity to pick up gifts for those 'difficult to buy for' friends and relations at very reasonable prices. Come and browse before purchasing and enjoy refreshments including delicious bacon rolls. Proceeds in aid of the Ashwater PTFA and there will be face painting for the young and young at heart.

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY – 7TH DECEMBER

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.

LADIES AND MEN'S SKITTLES

The next Ladies Skittles evening is 7th December at 7.30pm in the hall and we welcome new players. Meanwhile the men reached the semi-final of the Sandercock Cup before being knocked out but continue to win some and lose some in the league. Matches in December will be away to Sutcombe on the 5th home to Clawton on the 12th and away to Yeolmbridge on 19th.

ASHWATER VILLAGE SHOP

Ashwater Shop Christmas Party.

Saturday 9th December.

Ashwater Village hall-6.30-10.30pm

Come along and join in the games or sit and enjoy the antics.

£2 adults-£1 kids. Tickets available in the shop

Bring & Share supper (soft drinks available to buy throughout the evening)

All profits to be given back to the community.

Christmas order form reminder.

Please can we have all order forms back in the shop by Friday 8th December.

Calendars & Christmas cards

Ashwater shop 2018 calendars are now available to buy in the shop £3.99 each,

Thanks to all our sponsors and photographers. Also a reminder to start taking photo's for next year's calendars.

We also have Christmas cards for sale depicting the inside of the Church and a snowy scene of Ashwater, £1.20 each or 5 for £5.

Post office extra opening times.

The Post Office will be open from 9am-12noon on

Saturday 2nd Dec

Saturday 9th Dec

Saturday 16th Dec

Shop Christmas opening hours.

Christmas eve - 8.30-10am

Christmas day - CLOSED

Boxing day - 8.30-10am

New year eve - 9-12noon

New year day - 8.30-10am

We look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period

Following the success of the MacMillan coffee morning, the shop has decided to collate the recipes for the delicious cakes and biscuits served on the day into a book to sell.

All the proceeds will go to the shop and a charity as yet to be decided.

If you were kind enough to make something for the event please could you email your recipe to Caroline at doodlewiz@gmail.com. If you are not able to email them, please drop off a copy of the recipe at the shop.

ASHWATER PTFA – EVENING TEA, 12TH DECEMBER

The Ashwater PTFA are holding an evening tea at the school on 12th December from 5.00pm. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for full details.

ASHWATER AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Ashwater agriculture show are looking for a new secretary to take over at the AGM in January/February 2018.

There are 5 meeting a year plus the show on the 3rd Saturday in August. There is a remuneration. Please

contact Lynne Vallance on 01409 211441 or mobile 07779 542570 or Paul Moon on 01409 211010 or mobile 077024 82139 for more details

ART GROUP

The group meets most Tuesday's in the Village hall from 1.30 – 4.00. We have a varied programme including tutored sessions of drawing, painting and print making. In the New Year, we will begin life drawing again. 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. Kate211241 katestroud@hotmail.com

ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB

The camera club Annual General Meeting is at the Parish Hall on Monday 18th December at 7.30pm. The accounts will be presented for adoption and officers appointed for the next year. Fees agreed along with a schedule of events. The January meeting will be slightly earlier, in the hall car park at 7pm. We will then drive to the A30 bridge and explore light photography before adjourning to the Village Inn for the annual dinner.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next event is Christmas Wreath Making in the Parish Hall on December 11th at 7pm. There are one or two places left, contact Letitia or Ivan by Monday 4th December to reserve a spot. Please bring along a bucket of foliage to decorate the pre-formed base (supplied) and your secateurs for pruning and shaping. Ribbons and other small accessories will also be provided. To cover basic costs there will be a charge of £5.00 for Members and £6.00 for non-members. Refreshments including mince pies and mulled apple juice are included.

We will also be decorating the hall Christmas Tree and anyone wishing to help and not making a wreath is welcome to come along and lend a hand.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: FAIRFIELD

The planning process is still ongoing and a group of local people meet from time to time to monitor progress. If you would like further information, please contact John Dagnall jdagnall@gmail.com

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

With variable weather conditions during November we have done well to enjoy several of those lovely autumnal days on our walk with a particularly lovely day on 17th November. We met at the Village Hall in Halwill Junction and set off in an anti-clockwise direction initially following a short section of the old railway line leading down onto Blackhill Road. The country road was so quiet it was difficult to imagine the hustle and bustle of the A3079 just a few metres away. After a mile or so we turned left again and came to bridleway crossing Whiddon Moor and then out onto Dreybury Lane back into the village passing the old Winsford Cottage Hospital.

Winsford Cottage Hospital was designed by Charles Francis Annesley Voysey (1857-1941) who was an influential Arts and Crafts architect. He was commissioned to design the hospital in 1900 by Maria (Molly) Webb-Medley of Winsford Tower Halwill (demolished in 1950) in memory of her husband George for the community of Halwill and its surrounding 14 parishes. The design of the hospital was unique as Voysey's other works were of private houses. His trademark attention to detail incorporated the combining of sanitary and practical considerations with an understanding of the requirements of both nursing staff and patients. An innovation such as cross-ventilation in each ward served by separate flues was included together with level floors throughout for wheelchair access all offset by cheerful yellow mosaic tiled flooring in the hallway, corridors and veranda.

The Winsford Trust came into being in 1999, led by the Winsford Hospital League Friends who are now working with the Landmark Trust to sympathetically renovate the building to form accommodation for two holiday apartments together with an area for community use.

We are fortunate to live in an area with such diversity of scenery and history which is often brought to life by our walkers, one of whom told us that he had been born in Winsford Hospital. Such stories add to the enjoyment

of the walks. Added to that are the benefits of walking which has been shown to reduce the risk of many common conditions including heart disease, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes and all walks are free.

Our Monday walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am from The Scout Hut next to the Leisure Centre with tea and coffee served afterwards in the Youth Centre. The Friday walks move off at 10.30 am from various locations around the area. Details can be found on our walk programme. The latest edition covering November 2017 to February 2018 is now available.

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.

BRATTON CLOVELLY – CHRISTMAS CONCERT 10TH DECEMBER

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT in support of Cancer Research UK

Sunday, 10th December Doors and bar open at 7pm, music begins at 7.30PM

Launceston Choral Society are stepping over the border to give a rousing Christmas concert in Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall EX20 4JT. There'll be some wonderful seasonal music sung by the choir, as well as well known carols for the audience to sing along to. This will be an evening for everyone with secular Christmas readings, a bar and seasonal refreshments in the interval.

Tickets are £6 adults, £2 (16yrs and under). To book, email: brattonclovellyfestival@gmail.com or phone: 01837 871696

Joanna Wallwork (Chair) Bratton Clovelly Festival

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THANKYOU

Dave and Christine Drowne would like to extend thanks to all who sent cards, flowers and congratulations on their recent 50th Wedding Anniversary and helped make the day a special one.

.....**And Finally,**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time residents of the parish, Reg Williams and Jean Prowse. Our thoughts are with their families and also Tim and Sue Luxton and Grace Evans who have also suffered recent family bereavement.

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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ASHWATER PTFA EVENING TEA

COME AND JOIN US FOR
TEA

AT ASHWATER SCHOOL
12/12/17 FROM 5PM.

*£4.00 PER HEAD & INCLUDES
SANDWICHES, SAUSAGE ROLLS,
BACON & EGG QUICHE, MINCE-PIES
OR FRUIT CAKE FOLLOWED BY
A CREAM TEA WHILST LISTENING TO
THE
CHILDREN SINGING & THE SUTCOMBE
LADIES CHOIR.*

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