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**Comment:** *The New Year rings in changes. In the shop, after 4 years (never absent, never late) Christine is leaving and we wish her every success in her new position.*

*The housing development is nearing completion and we will no doubt soon be welcoming fresh faces to the village.*

*The church having surmounted the first funding challenge will be concentrating on cementing this success in the coming months.*

*The hall will celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March and there will be a new look to the Ashwater Show in the summer.*

*There will be a General Election in May and in January an anniversary you may have missed:*

**30 years ago** (17 Jan 1985)

*British Telecom officially retired the iconic red telephone box.*

**Newsletter:** *Contributions for the next Newsletter by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January please [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)*

**Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)**

**6<sup>th</sup> January-Photo Group, 7.30pm.**

**12<sup>th</sup> January – Bring & Share Supper, 7.00pm, Hampden House**

**12<sup>th</sup> January – Hall Trustees Meeting 7.30pm**

**24<sup>th</sup> January Horticultural Club walk – Bude 10.30am**

**31<sup>st</sup> January – Quiz and Curry Evening 7.30pm**

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**Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**

**Tel: 01409 211213**

**Email: [Bob.griggs1@btopenworld.com](mailto: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**

### SHOP TALK from Sue & Yvonne

The *Christmas Tasting Evening* was a resounding success. Attended by around 40 people, we spent a very pleasant time sampling wines, cheeses, pickles and chutneys, snacks and crackers in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere. We were really pleased with your feedback on the night and afterwards; we're planning to host three more of these tasting evenings in 2015...your ideas and suggestions are very welcome!

The shop has had a lovely festive buzz throughout December, thank you for all your support. With Christine's departure, as current shop manager on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Sue has taken on the role of organizing the Volunteer Rota – if you can help out for 1 or 2 hours until we replace Christine that would be fantastic. Call **Sue: 211 419** or **Yvonne: 211 568** to arrange.

If you want to find out more about what is involved please come along to the **BRING & SHARE SUPPER**: Bring a plate and Share buffet supper on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7pm, Hampden House in the village – **RSVP: [sueluxton@mac.com](mailto:sueluxton@mac.com)**

It's brilliant to have a village shop, Ashwater did a wonderful thing raising the funds for the shop, and the manager + volunteers + shoppers have all contributed to the shop's first four-going-on-five years. In many ways the shop is an amazing resource, the hub of the village open seven days a week, every week of the year...we could make much more of it! Many of you, us included, have got lots of ideas about how we can take the shop forward to the next 5 years...watch this space or even better come and see us in the shop, tell us what you think and take part!

Very best wishes for 2015

**Sue & Yvonne**

Shop Joint-Chair

Please see the job advert on the last page of this newsletter.

On 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December the shop and PO will close at 1pm and the shop only will open until 10.30am on New Year's Day.

There are just a few 2015 calendars in the shop - £5.99. All photos taken in Ashwater and the proceeds help the shop.

### PARISH HALL

Don't miss the Curry and Quiz night on Saturday 31 January 2015.

Watch for the posters with details of team requirements

### CRAFT & CHATTER (CRAFT TEA)

Big changes. Craft & Chatter will in future be held at 'Ashgreen' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of January) from 2pm until 4pm.

As usual if you haven't any ongoing craft please join us in knitting blanket squares and a chat over a cup of tea. Any more details please phone Wendy Darby on 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.

### **ASHWATER COMMUNITY STEEL BAND**

The band has gone from strength to strength during 2014. There is a good mix of children and adults and the band has been booked to play at many venues, Crooklets Beach Bude, Bude Classic Car Show, Tamar Lakes, Hatherleigh Charity Lunch Day, Launceston Carnival, Holsworthy Christmas Lights, Holsworthy Late night shopping [Waitrose] and Ashwater Church, to name but a few.

All the children in the band recently won a CATS Award [Community Action Through Sport] for their charity work with the band.

The band has morphed from the school band into the community band because many of our children moved into secondary schools and we wanted to give them the opportunity to continue playing if they wanted to. Also some of our adults wanted to learn to play.

Playing steel pans can be very addictive and we are always pleased to welcome new members. It is not at all difficult to learn to play a steel drum and it's very satisfying to be able to play a tuned instrument almost instantly. Chris and I take our own sets of pans into any school who wants to see how easily Chris can get a group of children playing an accompaniment to one of our band tunes. The record time is 8 minutes, but the most rewarding part is when the pleasure on faces show their realisation that they are actually playing a musical instrument properly.

If anyone out there knows of a Primary School who would like a free afternoon session, ask them to give us a ring.

Finally as I said previously we are always looking for new members, children especially but adults are also most welcome. Going out to perform is not obligatory, so just come and give it a try!!

Band night is the FIRST FRIDAY in each month[NOT JANUARY 2015].

Dates 2015[until July]:- February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd. Give it a try!!  
Adults a pound, children 50p [coffee, tea squash biscuits included].

Please come along and give it a try!!  
Tony and Chris March.

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP MEETING – 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Come along and see the results of last month's "photo shoot" and if you had a nice new camera for Christmas and need some help on how to use it bring it along.

### **ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY –Bude Walk, 24<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am**

Starting at the Weir, Whaleborough, Bude on the A39 opposite the Marhamchurch turn. A flat picturesque walk on a hard surface with the option for a shorter route. Followed by lunch at the Weir Bistro.

Roast beef. A choice of dessert – hot chocolate fudge cake or fruit crumble - £12.95. Vegetarian option available.

Everyone is invited. Meet at the Weir car park, near the road at 10.30am for those wishing to take part in the longer walk. The shorter route will take 1.5 hours and can be started later if you wish. The walks will take 1.5-2.5 hours depending on the route and lunch is booked for 1pm at the Weir. Please feel free to join us just for lunch if you do not wish to do either of the walks.

Please RSVP to AHS Secretary Louise Webber by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015.



Tel: 01409 221466 or Email: [webber\\_louise@hotmail.com](mailto:webber_louise@hotmail.com) A map of the walks will be emailed to all those joining us!

#### LIBRARY

The 2015 time table has been published. January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup> are the New Year dates. The van stops outside the Village Inn between 14.20hrs and 14.50hrs.

#### .....AND FINALLY

**If you could donate some paper for the newsletter this would be appreciated – please leave it in the shop for collection, thank you.**

#### Ashwater Community Shop - Vacancy

The shop is looking for a friendly, co-operative, paid member of staff.

Hours: Up to 30 hours per week (flexible by arrangement)

The successful applicant will ideally have previous retail experience, be a responsible and motivated person prepared to lead by example, and treat people equally and fairly. S/he will be a good communicator with competent IT skills and able to work as part of a team.

To apply for an application form please write to:

The Secretary, Ashwater Village Shop  
Association Ltd., Ashwater Shop, Ashwater EX21 5EZ  
or email [ashwatervillageshop@gmail.com](mailto:ashwatervillageshop@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: Monday 19th January 2015

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#### Distribution of Newsletters

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