
Comment: There will be extra copies of the newsletter in the shop this month as due to holidays some parts of the Parish may not receive a delivery (mainly Viza, West Venn, Sandrymoor Cross, Braddon areas) – if you have a copy by email please print one for a neighbor if they don't have access to a computer and normally have a hard copy delivered.

Newsletter: Contributions for the next Newsletter by Friday 26th September please ibuxton16@btinternet.com

Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

3rd Sept, Lunch Club, Village Inn

5th Sept – Craft Fair, 1pm-4pm

9th Sept, Badminton 7pm-9pm

9th Sept – Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

13th Sept – Car wash 11am -2pm at AFC changing rooms

14th Sept – Horticultural Society talk 7pm

27th Sept – Minack Theatre Trip from Holsworthy

Advance Notice

1st October, Ladies Skittles

15th October, Horticultural Society AGM

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

PARISH HALL

A working party is to be arranged to carry out a general tidy up and decorate the Des Shadrack Room. This will take place in early Autumn, please watch the notice boards for details.

The main hall will be redecorated as advised previously and this will be done with the minimum of interruption for hall users.

Hall Car Park

A polite request – please do not routinely park in the hall car park overnight.

HOLSWORTHY HOSPITAL

Public consultation has commenced regarding the future of Holsworthy Community Hospital. A series of well attended meetings were held at Holsworthy Memorial Hall on 20th August 2015 and the option to respond still remains via the website www.northdevonhealth.nhs.uk/consultnorth or by writing to Dr Alison Diamond, Chief Executive, Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust, Raleigh Park, Barnstaple, EX31 4JB alternatively email: nhdt.contactus@nhs.net or telephone 01271 322460.

The options put forward are:

- Two community hospital sites from Bideford, Holsworthy, Ilfracombe and South Molton
- One site at North Devon District Hospital (NDDH)
- One site at NDDH and one at a community hospital site

These options are the only ones under consideration.

Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have a strategic mission to support more patients in or close to their own home. This may appear to be at variance with the options provided, but budget restraints and timescales dictate the requirements.

The risk is that without a clear and strongly supported expression of preference Holsworthy Community Hospital could face closure in its present form.

The consultation period last for around 6 weeks and appears to have commenced on 10th August 2015, but as the website links were not operating it could now be running from 18th August 2015, either way action is required now if you wish to express a preference for one of the above options.

PARISH COUNCIL

Do you have difficulty in attending medical appointments due to transport difficulties?

If the answer is yes we can help, either by signposting you to your local Scheme, or offering support and information to the Scheme operating in your area.

We administer local Car Forums across the whole of Devon. They are free, informal, friendly and offer people the opportunity to chat

about issues that crop up in the day to day activities of their Schemes. They offer an invaluable opportunity for Schemes to:

- Get together and network to share information and best practice.
- Stay safe and legal.
- Maintain their independence and identity whilst being part of a bigger partnership.
- Have access to larger groups' expertise, standard policies and procedures
- Share ways to advertise and recruit for drivers and passengers.
- Use the Forum to raise awareness with funders and support groups.
- Access funding and hospital parking permits.

If you are interested in finding out about Schemes in your area, setting up a new Scheme and/or joining a Car Forum and would like to find out more please do contact me at tim@ndvs.org.uk or phone 01271 859261. Holsworthy HCT 01409 259001

The parish council would like to thank Trevor and Carol Moon for the way they look after the flowers around the war memorial.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm.

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB

Ashwater F C - car wash Sunday 13th September 11am--2pm £5 per car to be held at the changing rooms by the pub car park.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday 14th September 2015 at 7pm, Ashwater Parish Hall

We are delighted that Simon Yorke, who formerly worked for the RHS, will be giving us a very timely talk on 'Improving soil structure, preparing to move shrubs and other autumn jobs'.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along and join us for what we know will be a very informative evening.

Sunflowers - we handed out sunflower seeds to local children in May and we will be contacting them during the last week of August to arrange to come round and measure them during the first week of September. We will be inviting the winner to come along to the meeting on the 14th September to collect their prize. So there are couple of weeks of watering and tending the sunflowers to get the maximum height from them!

Date for your diaries – our AGM is on the 15th October in the Parish Hall. An Agenda will be forwarded to all members beforehand

ASHWATER CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR SATURDAY

5th SEPTEMBER

1pm – 4pm in the Village Hall. Raising funds for Children's Hospice SouthWest.

A large number and range of craft and produce stalls will be attending this event. A great chance for you to come along, enjoy a cuppa, support local crafters, buy that unusual gift and support a great cause.

BADMINTON

Badminton will resume at the Parish Hall on September 9th 2015. Sessions will run from 7pm to 9pm, all welcome.

MINACK THEATRE TRIP

Holsworthy book group are taking us to a version of the last night of the Proms at the Minack Theatre. Coach prices have shot up and will be prohibitive unless we can find 9 more people to share the cost. Tickets are £11.50 each on top of this. The performance is on September 27th (Sunday). If you or anyone you know might be interested, can you let me know? Kate Tomlinson

LADIES SKITTLES

Ladies skittles will be held on Thursday 1st October 2015 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Games will be played once a month, normally on the first Thursday of each month in the hall and ladies of all ages are welcome to come along to play and enjoy the refreshments.

MENS SKITTLES

The AGM was held in the Parish Hall on 18th August 2015. Last season the teams were Runners Up in League 3 and also won the George Jenkins Memorial Cup. Matches in League 2 will commence with an away game at Boyton on 22nd September 2015. Subscriptions will remain at £4.00 per player for the season with the usual match fee/raffle arrangements. League fees for the season will be £60 plus £2 cup entries. This year the team will provide tea and biscuits at all home games. Club Officers agreed to continue their roles for the coming season with Roy Graham as Chairman, Terry Darby as Secretary and Ivan Buxton as Treasurer. New players are always welcome.

ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH

30th August Benefice Service 11am Followed by bring and share pic-nic in the churchyard or church.
 6th September Morning Worship at 9.30am
 13th September Holy Communion at 9.30am
 20th September Said Holy Communion at 9.30am
 27th September Holy Communion at 9.30am

12th September Parachuting Teddies – Ashwater Church Tower and Autumn Draw

64th ASHWATER AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Thank you to everyone who visited and supported the 64th Ashwater Agricultural Show. Fine weather encouraged a good turnout at this year's show held on Saturday 15 August presided over by our president for 2015, Mr John Bone and his wife Helen who have both had a long association with the show.

The traditional show was well supported with cattle and sheep entries including an array of beautifully turned out stock, while 19 farmers of the future, demonstrated their excellent skills in the young handler's classes. Family pets had their moment under the spotlight in the Fur and Feather classes and family fun dog show. A beautiful selection of Guinea pigs, chickens and even geese were on show while numerous dogs took part in a variety of classes including a fun agility and novelty classes run in aid of Lakeland Trialhound Welfare.

Horse classes commenced bright and earlier with a good number of entries. The morning saw strong competition in the horse, pony and novelty classes, while children enjoyed taking part in the Gymkhana. The horse events were rounded off in the afternoon with show jumping competitions.

The show was officially opened by the President at 1.00pm, following a parade of vintage tractors in the main ring where Mr and Mrs Bone awarded 'Presidents choice award' sponsored by Pat May Drainage and Groundwork's to a beautiful 1936 Standard Fordson Tractor owned by John Butt from the South Molton area This was followed by a parade of the South Tetcott Hunt hounds which is always popular with everyone.

Visitors throughout the afternoon were treated to lively entertainment from Ashwater Primary School Steel Band, a children's entertainer, bouncy castle, ferret racing and had the opportunity to test their skills building a tower out of milk crates. All aspects of the community got involved, with the Primary School providing face painting and fun activities while the community shop ran a children's bake off. This year the craft tent was bursting at the seams with a showcase of local products and the village Church promoted their fundraising campaign to carry out essential repairs to the Church tower. Holsworthy Police and Fire brigade provided activities including a chance for children to sit in the fire engine. The daytime events culminated in the return of the popular Tug-O-War competition, won by Launceston Young Farmers Club.

The committee would like to say a big thank you to all those who generously sponsored classes including Kivells, Mr and Mrs J Bone, Mr and Mrs S J Griffin, Carey Valley Woodlands, Mr A Ogborne, Tamar Milling, Dave

Lawrence, Adrian Cann, Mr P Jenings, Mr S Mitchell, Craig Furse Carpentry and Construction, Happy Mares, S W Woodcrafts Show Jumps, Holiday 4 Dogs Devon and Cornwall and Pat May Drainage and Groundwork's.

The show saw many prize winners, the results can be found on the village website www.ashwaterparish.org.uk

In the evening everyone let their hair down with the after show party, packed with locals and supporters for a great community get together dancing to Exeter band "Something for Later" and a Disco.

The Committee would like to reiterate its sincere thanks to all our sponsors, judges, programme advertisers and donors for their generous support of this year's show as well as to our President, Mr John Bone for carrying out his role admirably. Thanks also to Holsworthy Army Cadet Force for their hard work again this year with various activities throughout the day. In addition the Chairman, Mr Paul Moon, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved, the members of the committee and all those non-members, family and friends who also generously gave their time to make the show a success, helping in preparation, setting up, fetching and carrying, selling dance tickets, lending equipment, providing refreshments, running bars, parking cars and more, as well as clearing up afterwards! Finally a very big thank you to everyone who came and supported the show on the day, entered classes and took part in activities! Without the help and support of so many people the show would not be possible.



Shop Talk

Ashwater Agricultural Show

The Shop's stand at the Ashwater Agricultural Show was a huge success, John and the volunteers had a great time chatting to regular customers as well as visitors to the show, we really enjoyed it and would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and support.

The winners of the competitions are as follows:

Victoria Sponge 1st Prize: Mary Lucas Ridge (Rev Jane's granddaughter)

Chocolate Cake 1st Prize: Mrs Drowne

Overall Baking Cup Winner: Mary Lucas Ridge

Home Brew SHIELD: Ivan Buxton

The Junior Baking Cup went to Molly Knight

Thank you to all the bakers who donated their cakes to the Shop to sell to hungry customers and to the Horticultural Society for allowing us to use their trophies as awards for our three categories.

Supporting our Local Farmers

Rachael's campaign about supporting local farmers/businesses - buying milk that costs slightly more than the large supermarkets, but knowing the farmer gets a fair price - has sparked a lot of interest and the shop's sales of bread, milk and dairy goods have increased dramatically.

Coffee morning on Friday 25th September

As part of the *Marie Curie Fund Raising Campaign* John is proposing the Shop organizes a coffee morning on Friday 25th September. This gives us a month to organize and get behind this good cause.

We need to gauge interest before we book the Hall –

Would you like to get involved?

Do some baking?

Help with the planning?

Contribute ideas?

We could even think about selling local crafts??

Talk to John or email him: managerashwatershop@gmail.com

KEEP THESE DATES:

The shop intends to arrange a display during September for pickling and chutneys. The best time of year to do it you will agree! We would invite recipes for pickling and chutneys, which can be printed and handed out when ingredients are purchased. Also could we have any spare glass jam/pickle jars that we can handed out as well, after we have sterilized them. Also if people have a glut of vegetables they would like to donate please leave them in the shop.

Shop 5th Year Celebration on Saturday 14th November

More about the bands playing, food being served etc. in the October Newsletter

Shop Tasting Evening on Friday 27th November

One of the highlights this year is B&M Meats carving/tasting a three-bird roast and a festive ham, more details in the October Newsletter.

Finally desperately trying to contact **Kelsey South** the winner of the tub of *Fox's Mints*, we do not have any contact details, so Kelsey please can you contact the shop to collect your prize or can anyone who knows Kelsey pass this message onto her. Thank you.

CONVENIENCE STORES AND POST OFFICES TOP HIGH STREET LIST OF MOST POSITIVE SERVICES

New research released today by the Association of Convenience Stores has revealed how the public, retailers and local councillors feel about their high streets.

The Community Barometer shows that convenience stores and post offices were seen to be the services which had the most positive impact on their local community, with coffee shops, pharmacies and specialist food shops following close behind.

The report also looked at the services that people felt that they would like more of on their high street. While people are generally happy with the number of convenience stores, pharmacies and pubs in their area, there is a real need for more restaurants, specialist food shops and banks, with betting shops and pawnbrokers polling as the least popular high street services.

When asked about which policies should be a priority in their area, 46% of consumers believe that reducing parking charges should be a priority in their area compared to just 28% of councillors. Overall, consumers also felt that councils were doing the worst job on transport and parking policy compared to other areas.

ASHWATER CHURCH TOWER FUND

Parachute Your Teddy !

WHO ?	Kids and Grown ups	
WHEN ?	Saturday 12 th Sept	From 2.00 onwards
WHERE ?	Ashwater Church	

Teddies will be checked they are 'fit to fly', by our Teddy Doctor.

Then, complete with parachutes, they will be dropped from the Church Tower! The teddy which travels the furthest is the winner !!! There will be prizes & medals presented at the end of the afternoon. Entries £2.

Refreshments

Enjoy an afternoon of fun !! Teds and owners of all ages welcome !

Enquiries: Sue and Tim 211419

PARACHUTES can be made by tying your teddy to a bin bag with string !! If you need help with this please come at 1.00 to be shown how to do it. Materials provided.

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!



- Your local Hermes delivery agent in the EX19, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 38

postcode area

- Drivers always required for local delivery work
- Contact us on 01409 231106



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- Delivering postal services for local businesses offering safe storage, pick, pack & dispatch for would be eBay entrepreneurs and local businesses.
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