
Comment: The Post Office as an integral part of the shop is an important community asset. It is pleasing to see that it is now creating a second paid position, which reflects the support, given by the parish and will help sustain the shop as well.

Newsletter: Contributions for the next Newsletter by Tuesday 25th November please.
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Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)

31st Oct - Pumpkin Party - 7pm onwards

5th Nov - Lunch at the Village Inn

7th Nov - Book sale in the church

8th Nov- Car wash 11am -2pm at AFC changing rooms (behind the pub)

11th Nov - Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, 10.50am

11th Nov- Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

14th Nov - Shop/Devon Air Party, 7.30pm

20th Nov- Coffee Morning - 10am-Noon

27th Nov - Shop tasting evening - 6pm

28th Nov - Coffee Morning -10am-Noon

Advance Notice

5th December, Quiz in the hall at 7pm

12th December, PTFA Quiz Night

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

COFFEE MORNING 28 November 2015

The hall is organising a pre-Christmas coffee morning from 10.00am to Noon in aid of the hall extension fund.

ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB – COFFEE MORNING 20th NOVEMBER

The camera club is holding a coffee morning at the Parish Hall between 10.00am and Noon on 20th November 2015. The proceeds will be shared between the club (for expenses in hall hire and speakers next year) and the Devon Air Ambulance.

The new season of 'hands on' tuition and experimenting with your camera commences on 18th January 2016 in the Parish Hall between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

Membership is open to all at just £25.00 for the year (payable monthly, 6 monthly or annually). Non-members are welcome to attend a particular session at a one off fee of £5. The club aims to run so that all proceeds from membership/fees and any fund raising is ploughed back into the club for the benefit of members to explore the fun of photography.

Beginners are very welcome and if you have a digital camera of any description (phones, tablets, point and shoot, bridge etc.,) and find the buttons or guides bewildering then bring it along in January – we will try to help unravel the mystery.

A full programme has been drawn up for every 3rd Monday in the month throughout 2016. There is a website address with the details at <http://ashwatercameraclub.weebly.com/> and membership forms will also be available at the coffee morning.

We have the benefit of a professional photographer as a member who will be on hand to provide guidance, tuition and help with your camera and technique.

We will also have interesting speakers at some of the sessions as well as additional local outings to take photos on location. A shared visit with the Horticultural Society to enjoy (and photograph) snowdrops is planned for February .

VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY

The next lunch is on 5th November and everyone is most welcome to come. Spaces are limited and booking essential, either in advance or by 10.30am on the day at the latest. 01409 211200

PARISH COUNCIL

There is a copy of the petition calling for the improved maintenance of local roads in the shop for anyone who wants to sign it. The petition needs to be returned to Geoffrey Cox by the 20 November 2015

Any problems relating to roads (including potholes) can be reported online to:

www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem or call 0845 1551004.

Community Hospital Beds have been saved in Holsworthy. The Holsworthy meeting had four times more people than the other venues. The library service is being changed to a public service mutual which will be good for the staff.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 7.30pm.

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB

Car wash Sunday 8th November 11am - 1pm £5 per car to be held at the changing rooms (by the pub car park) please come and support us.

The F C will be holding a Wine & Wisdom on Saturday 5th December at Ashwater Parish Hall, doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start being presented by Kevin Hoare. To book a table please ring Lin Jennings 211212.

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At its successful and enjoyable AGM on Monday 19th October, Louise Webber stood down as Secretary and was thanked for the work she had done during the past couple of years.

As a recognition of his longstanding work for the Society, most recently as Chairman, Gordon Bennett was elected as the Society's first President.

It was agreed that the Horticultural Show will be held in 2016 alongside the Agricultural Show on 20th August, with Fiona Bull as Show Secretary leading a team of helpers.

Additionally, Ivan Buxton became Treasurer and Letitia Yetman, Secretary.

The Membership fee for the forthcoming year was set at £5 per person and £7 per couple. New members are always most welcome to join.

The evening finished with an interesting quiz ably devised by Gordon.

The next meeting of the Horticultural Society will be Christmas Wreath Making on Monday 7th December.

Please book for this popular event – details will be made available shortly including a list of items that participants should bring.

BADMINTON

Badminton in the Parish Hall. Wednesday evening sessions run from 7pm to 9pm, all welcome.

LADIES SKITTLES

Ladies skittles is in the Parish Hall on the 1st Thursday of each month from 7.30pm – all welcome.

ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH

November Services

1 November	9.30am	Morning Worship
8 November	10.50am	Ecumenical Remembrance Day Service
11 November	10.50am	Armistice Day Service at the War Memorial
15 November	9.30am	said Holy Communion

Book Sale, soup, teas and coffees in the church from 10.00am - 3.00pm on 7th November 2015



SHOP TALK

SHOP 5 YEAR PARTY & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE TRUST FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER, PARISH HALL 7.30pm-11.30pm

<<<<£5 Tickets are on sale now in the Shop.>>>>

The 10 musical acts will start with acoustic, a sing-along, then blues and rock. Tickets also include a Ploughman's with three cheeses, French stick, coleslaw, pickles, chutney & choice of puddings. The licensed bar will have a 36 pint keg of beer from Holsworthy Ales along with an excellent choice of wines, ciders, beers and soft drinks.

John and Rachael are sending out letters to suppliers asking for donations of food and drink for the very worthwhile cause of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Tickets are £5 - bought from the Shop + ordered via John by phone: 01409 211 192 + ordered by email: managerashwatershop@gmail.com

SHOP FINANCIAL FUTURE

Great news, the final payment of Shop mortgage took place on 14th October 2015. The Shop is really a community shop now! We have had good sales figures for the last four months, with September 2015 being £1,300 up on September 2014!

Thank you everyone for your support, and a huge thank you to John, our shop manager for improving sales and constantly bringing in an enticing variety of new stock - each week there is something different to try!

POST OFFICE

It is becoming quite difficult for John to take holiday leave - the number of people able to give an hour or two to volunteer in the shop, and more importantly the Post Office, has dwindled for a variety of reasons over the last 12 months.

The Shop Committee met last week and agreed that as the mortgage is now paid off and monthly sales figures have increased month on month we need to train and pay someone to work/be responsible for the Post Office, thus enabling John flexibility for time off and not have to worry about running the Post Office if he gets ill.

If you are interested in being part of the Shop's ongoing success please talk to John or email: managerashwatershop@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TASTING EVENING - FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER, VILLAGE HALL 6pm-10pm

Please come along and sample a whole range of delicious food, drink, and Christmas condiments, check out special edition magazines, cards and festive paper. As happened last year everything you taste will be on sale, and/or to order for Christmas + refreshments and licensed bar + raffle - come along, meet, taste and chat! Suppliers already on board: Bake House, B&N meats, Card Line, Endecott's Bakery, Hawkridge Cheese, Holsworthy Brewery, Mr. Toms ice cream, Smiths magazines, Winkleigh Cider, Wonky Kitchen Fudge; plus local suppliers Fiona Bull's Christmas puddings and apple juice, Uphill Vineyard wine and Roadford milk.

John is organising extra copies of supplier 2015 Christmas brochures to enable us to see everything on offer for the festive season. John and Yvonne are producing a Christmas Tasting Order Form to make tasting and selection of festive specialty foods and drink pleasurable and trouble-free.

>>>Christmas Tasting Order Forms will be available at the Shop 5 Year Party, and in the Shop from Monday 16th November.

THANK YOU IVAN & DIANE

Finally a big thank you to Ivan and Diane for all their hard work, in their respective roles as Treasurer and Secretary on the Shop Committee over the last five years.

Yvonne is fortunate as Chair to have had a year working with them, thus gaining a good understanding of the Shop, a very special community project. She will do her best to continue their good work and guide the shop into the next successful five years.

Grateful thanks to them from all the Shop Committee.

RURAL ROADS PETITION

The Public Petition launched by Torridge and West Devon MP Geoffrey Cox, QC has gathered momentum with petition forms for signature in many places including Ashwater Shop. Parish Councils and Councillors are involved and judging by the number of signatures already added it seems the public are behind this attempt to get something done about the state of the roads and lanes in our area.

We are all aware of the Government's restrictions on spending and it is difficult to argue with the attempts to rein in public spending when the UK as a whole needs to be cautious about shelling out more than the economy generates.

There are some areas however that can create more harm by under-spending than by sensible allocation of funds and roads are one of them. Our highways are the arteries of modern ground based connectivity – unless vehicles can safely use the road network even that 'panacea of all ills' the Internet would suffer, after all the goods we order have to be delivered and the telephone lines, broad band connections and so on all rely on the equivalent of the bicycle repair man being able to drive to remote parts to service and maintain the infrastructure. Bad roads cause damage to our vehicles, create traffic problems and indirectly contribute to that other modern phenomena, 'climate change' – so please sign the petition, it is in all our interests to get the roads resurfaced, before the pot holes drive us all potty!

ANNUAL AWARDS ARE A CHANCE TO NOMINATE DEVON'S RECYCLING HEROES

Communities across Devon are being called on to nominate their unsung recycling heroes, whose efforts have helped the county become one of the greenest in the UK.

The fourth Recycle Devon Thank You Awards are being held in February and from this week nominations for the eight categories, including those for schools, business, children and community groups, can be submitted.

The awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green.

Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, eight district authorities and Torbay Council.

At last count 55.4 per cent of the total rubbish collected or taken to recycling centres that could otherwise have ended up in landfill, was recycled.

And now Recycle Devon wants to recognise those who have gone beyond the call of duty or perhaps even come up with new and innovative ways to reduce waste or reuse old items.

Entries need to be in by 30 November; judging takes place in December and January. The awards ceremony will be hosted by Matt and Caroline from Heart Radio's Breakfast Show, with prizes and recognition for all shortlisted entrants.

So if you know someone who makes a real effort – a neighbour, friend, someone who works at a local business or is involved in a community group or even a member of your local collection crew who picks up your recycling or works at a recycling centre, please get in touch.

It could perhaps be school or college student, teacher, helper or member of the support staff.

If you would like to nominate someone, please fill in the quick nomination form at www.recycledevon.org – they deserve it!

Chairman of DAWRCC, Devon Authorities Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee, Councillor Rodney Cann said: "Having been involved in recycling for some years now it is heartening to see such dedication to the cause from people in Devon. We must make sure that they are recognised and thanked for the good work that they do."

Liz Jarvis, Senior Waste Manager at Devon County Council, said: "Last year we had over 50 nominations and we're hoping to receive even more this year. It's such a pleasure to hear about amazing people in the community who do so much to keep Devon beautiful; they really are an inspiration."

The overall Recycle Devon hero last year was Lyn Wonnacot and The Green Team at St Davids Primary School whose mission is to promote sustainable living both in School and at home.

The categories are:

Your Recycling Hero – this could be a friend, family member, neighbour or local champion

School Recycling Hero – three categories – child or adult as well as class/group

Community Group recycling hero

Collection Crew/Operative - recycling, garden, food, or refuse collector

Recycling Centre Operative staff

Small Business Champion

For further information or to nominate, please see the www.recycledevon.org website, or post your entry to: The Recycle Devon Team, c/o Devon County Council, Waste Management, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD

In Memoriam - Mrs. Janet Capron

With great sadness we have been advised that Peter Capron's wife Janet recently passed away following a long battle against cancer.

Peter and Jan moved from Ashwater to Eastbourne a few years ago to be closer to their family. They were supporters of all things 'Ashwater' even after moving. Whilst living in the village they were instrumental in revitalising the News Letter and the Horticultural Society. In addition they were actively involved with the Horticultural Show and of course a driving force behind the successful Big Lottery Bid that went a long way towards enablement of the new Parish Hall.

Our thoughts are with Peter and his family at this time. The funeral will take place on 9 November and whilst there is a request not to send flowers any donations should be in favour of St. Wilfrid's Hospice and sent c/o Mary and Edward Gliddon, Fools Paradise, Ashwater.

Stop Press

We wish Cllr Barry Parsons an early recovery from a back injury recently sustained requiring a stay in hospital.

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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