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IMPORTANT. Please complete and return the pub questionnaire included in this newsletter, by 15<sup>th</sup> August.

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**Newsletter:** Contributions for the next Newsletter by 24<sup>th</sup> August please to [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> August – Pub Lunch, Village Inn 12.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> August – Made Well Open Day, Hatherleigh

15<sup>th</sup> August – Deadline for returning pub questionnaire

18<sup>th</sup> August – Show Time, the Show field

20<sup>th</sup> August – Camera Club, 7.30pm

Badminton every Thursday 10.00am - Noon

**Advance Notice**

15<sup>th</sup> September, *The Adventures of Mr Toad in the hall* at 7.30pm

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**Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**

Email: [lmyetman@btinternet.com](mailto:lmyetman@btinternet.com)

Tel: 01409 211131

**Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)**

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

**PARISH HALL**

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The attendance was disappointing hopefully due to a clash with an England World Cup Football match rather than lack of interest in hall matters! Thank you to those who did attend.

The following trustees and officers were elected:

Colin Vallance: Trustee and Chair, Letitia Yetman: Trustee, Vice-Chair and Bookings, Ivan Buxton: Trustee and Secretary, Judith Addicott, Trustee, Helen Bone: Trustee, Andrew Patterson: Trustee, Andrew Stacey, Trustee. David Vaughan was appointed independent Treasurer.

The meeting heard that the hall continued to be supported by a variety of user groups and individuals throughout the year and recorded a small operating profit of £594.90 for the period ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Various grants and donations towards the extension had been secured in the preceding 12 months.

The accounts were presented, approved and having been independently examined signed off ready to be submitted to the Charity Commission with the Annual Report.

Fund raising towards the proposed new extension continues and the amount raised and pledged to date (July 2018) is £45,508.95 which equates to approximately 60% of the target.

The Foundation CIO that will replace the existing hall charity is now in place. The CIO constitution permits appointment of 12 twelve trustees and there are currently 6 vacancies. The committee therefore invite anyone interested in becoming a trustee to come forward and help the existing members. Trustees normally meet 4 times a year to discuss matters relating to the administration of the hall and to make larger financial decisions as required. Day to day matters are normally handled by a General Purposes Committee that meets about once a month and is appointed by the trustees.

The next trustees meeting will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the hall. Please come along if you want to become a trustee.

**The Adventures of Mr Toad -15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The hall is pleased to announce that LADS will be staging their travelling production of the above hugely successful musical, for children of all ages (that means everyone in Ashwater!) at the Parish Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm.

Tickets will soon be on sale and the proceeds go towards the 'Help Jaydon Walk' campaign (see [www.helpjaydonwalk.co.uk](http://www.helpjaydonwalk.co.uk)) as well as the hall extension project. Watch out for notices and other publicity around the village soon.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council would like to welcome Veronica Patterson who was co-opted as its newest member.

Some residents in the village are experiencing dogs persistently barking during the day and throughout the night. This has been causing distress to residents who have been unable to sleep because of the disturbance. If you are affected by this you can contact Torridge District Council which has an enforcement officer who will attend the household to resolve the situation. <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/559/Noise-and-other-nuisances>

There is a proposal for Devon and Cornwall Police to merge with Dorset Police.

A new website has been created which provides details of the proposal, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and importantly, a survey in which you can give your views.

<http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk> **The survey is open until 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

#### **ASHWATER SHOP**

We are thrilled to be able to welcome John back to the shop. Initially, he will be doing just a few hours each week until he is back to full strength.

We look forward to seeing you at our stall at the Ashwater Show on the Saturday 18th August. We will be selling soft drinks, snacks and sweets as well as freshly made pancakes with a variety of toppings.

Please note the following fundraising events for your diary!

McMillan Coffee Morning - Saturday 29th September, 10.00am - 12.00pm. Free entry, donation asked for coffee and cakes.

Following last year's success, we are once again on the village green with lots to amuse the children and adults and plenty of gorgeous things to eat! All cake donations gratefully received.

Back by popular demand "I'm A Local Celebrity 2018" - Saturday 6th October (evening, time to be confirmed) in Ashwater Village Hall.

This year it will be held in aid of; Wishing upon a Star, British Heart Foundation, Chrones-Colitis, The Dementia Cafe at Halwill and Ashwater Village Shop. All money raised will be divided equally between them.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 and include one free vote on the night, they will be available from the shop. Numbers are limited so grab yours soon.

Ladies Pamper Evening - Saturday 24th November, Ashwater Village Hall.

Enjoy a pre-Christmas pamper and choose some presents from a wide range of products/shops that will be there. More details to be announced closer to the date.

We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for supporting your local shop.

#### **"SECURE OUR PUB" UPDATE.**

A questionnaire to seek the opinion of the village and surrounding area is included in this newsletter. We need your participation and look forward to receiving lots of responses. **Please return questionnaires by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.** The results will be collated, published and further steps identified.

#### **VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

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. Air Ambulance donations are now being collected in the shop.

### **ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB**

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> 2018. This will be a practical, hands on session, so bring your camera, flash equipment and tripod. New members are always welcome to come along for a taster session or just to gain some knowledge of how to operate their camera.

If you need more information about the club and its activities please contact Caroline Gill, Secretary (email [doodlewiz@gmail.com](mailto:doodlewiz@gmail.com)) for full details.

Holsworthy Rotary has arranged a Photographic Competition – now open for entries, closing date 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Entries will be exhibited in Holsworthy Memorial Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. The entry theme is ‘Work, rest or play’ with three prize categories, under 12yrs, 13-16yrs and over 16yrs with monetary prizes of £75, £50 and £25 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> entries in each category. Entries must include a date of birth, name, address, telephone number and email address denoting the category entry with permission required if under 16yrs. Photos must have been taken between January 2017 and the competition closing date. The competition is not open to professional photographers. Up to two prints may be entered in black and white or colour – send entries to Holsworthy Rotary, Photographic Competition c/o Woolacotts, The Square, Holsworthy, EX22 6DL. Please see the notice on the hall notice board for full details of the entry rules and regulations.

### **ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Show is on 18<sup>th</sup> August in the show field marquees. Please help to erect the marquees and take them down again. Work starts on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> please meet in the show field at 7pm, many hands make light work. Show schedules are available in the community shop and on the Parish Website at [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk), you will find us on the local clubs page, scroll down and download the pdf file for 85<sup>th</sup> Show. Don't miss the deadline for submitting your entries, details are in the schedule, good luck and don't worry we are all struggling with the weather so let's go for quantity this year.

**Note: Kindly return all cups and trophies to Fiona Bull ASAP – they may be left in the shop.**

### **67<sup>th</sup> ASHWATER AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

Show schedules are now available in the shop, on line at [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk) or contact the Show Secretary: Karen Edworthy on 07779 008218. The show includes plenty for everyone from vintage tractors, craft tent, bouncy castle, horses and ponies (including show jumping) to livestock, sheep, fur and feather to a fun family dog show and the renowned Ashwater Steel Band. Trade stands and car boot/non-trade pitches are welcome. In the evening there will be dancing to ‘Archive’ plus a disco and licensed bar – pre-booking only please with Jess – 07733218562 or Michelle – 07887 290292.

### **BADMINTON**

Wednesday evening badminton has now ceased until September. Thursday mornings continues from 10.00am to 12 Noon each week.

### **MADE-WELL OPEN DAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

Made-well is a Community Interest Company situated at Fishleigh Farm, Hatherleigh EX20 3QA and a great place to visit with drop in sessions for all on the day with free entry to the open day on 14<sup>th</sup> August between 10.30am and 3.00pm. Come along and see what we do.

There will be live music, animal activities, audio workshops, arts and crafts, face painting, pottery, woodwork, games, gardening activities, plant sale, a bake off, nature trail, computer workshop, raffle, stalls and much more. The café will be open selling refreshments, light snacks and homemade cakes. There is a children's play area, farm reared meat, fresh vegetables and gifts for sale. Tel: 01837 810584 for more details.

### **HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK**

We have been glad to put away our rain gear now that the sun has come out and we have been seen on our walks sporting a fine array of sunhats together with sunscreen and bottles of water.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July we met at Dunsden National Nature Reserve near Pancrasweek which has been cared for by Devon Wildlife Trust for the last 30 years. In 2012 the Reserve was named Devon's Coronation Meadow in recognition of its special environmental value particularly for its Culm grassland which is only to be found in North Devon. The characteristics of the Culm meadows comprise wet, marshy ground growing uneven, rushy vegetation. They are particularly important for their rich biodiversity and host an array of flora and fauna including Early Purple Orchids, the Privet Hawk Moth and Grey Herons. Environmentally they are also important for their potential to hold water which is filtered through the soils reducing nutrient pollution and storing carbon.

Having passed through the Culm Grassland we came upon the Bude Canal which is beautifully maintained as a footpath by Bude Canal Trust. The Bude Canal has had a chequered history since 1774 when John Edyvean, a Cornishman, originally conceived the idea and was granted a Royal Assent to commence work. Sadly, the Napoleonic Wars interrupted initial plans and the Act lapsed in 1784. In 1817 local support for a canal was rallied and two well-known engineers, James Green and Thomas Shearm, were approached to develop new plans. Due to the rising land and poor water supply it was considered cheaper to construct incline planes as opposed to locks along the route and this work was completed in 1825. The canal as built was 35 ½ miles in total and comprised of the main line from Bude to Blagdon Moor Wharf, near Holsworthy, with a branch from Red Post to Druyton Wharf, nr. Launceston and a feeder arm from the newly constructed Tamar Lake (now Lower Tamar Lake) to feed the canal with water. The canal was unique, in that it was constructed for agricultural purposes, the transporting of lime rich sand for the improving of soil. The arrival of the railway into Bude in 1898 ended the Canal's viability and it was sold to Bude Stratton Urban District Council in 1902. Bude Tourist Information Centre has a very interesting exhibition showing the history of the Canal which is well worth a visit. We are very fortunate to have such a diversity of history and beauty to enjoy alongside the important benefits of walking which include helping conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Our Monday Level 1 walks in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy start at 10.30 am. We now meet outside the Holsworthy Area Sports Pavilion where tea and coffee are served afterwards. The Friday walks move off at 10.30 am from various locations around the area. Details can be found on our walk programme. All walks are free. 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.

#### **Walk for Parkinson's UK**

A huge thank you to everyone who so kindly sponsored us on our walk to raise money for Parkinson's UK. Family, friends and neighbours have been so generous in their donations that, walk now completed, we hope the final total that we have raised will be in excess of £1500 once Gift Aid has been calculated. This far exceeds the sum we envisaged at the start and the contributions from so many people in Ashwater went a long way to achieving such an excellent result. So once more, thank you very much for all your support. I am sure Parkinson's UK will put the money to very good use.  
Best wishes, Sue & Brian George

#### **.....And Finally**

Don't forget if you would like a copy of the newsletter by email or no longer wish to receive one then please confirm to: [ashwaternewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:ashwaternewsletter@btinternet.com)

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#### **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](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com). Don't forget to visit the Ashwater Website: [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk)

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### Village Inn Questionnaire

As you are probably aware, The Village Inn has been on the market for some time and has recently been recorded as an Asset of Community value.

A small group of villagers has been tasked with finding out the parish's view of the Village Inn and if there is any interest in the village trying to source funds to purchase, making it a co-operative pub.

Ashwater already has a thriving shop and village hall and The Village Inn should complement the services offered, to this aim we require input from the Parish on what people want and hence the following questionnaire is to try and understand this.

**Your honest input in the attached questionnaire is essential.**

Could you please return a paper copy to the village shop or pub by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

1. Where do you live?

In Ashwater  In the Parish  Other (please state)

2. How many people live in your house?

Age 0-11  12-17  18-65  Over 65

3. Do you want to keep a pub in Ashwater?

Yes  No

4. How often do you currently visit The Village Inn?

a. For drinks

Daily  Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly  Other (please state)

b. For meals

Daily  Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly  Other (please state)

5. What do you want from The Village Inn?

a. Food

Bar Food  Restaurant  Dedicated Eating area  Café (Coffee, Tea, Cake)

Other (please state)

b. Music

Background  Live  Open Mike  Other (please state)

c. Games

Pool  Darts  Dominoes  Other (please state)

d. Get Together

Quiz Night  Tasting Events  Charity Lunches  National Events

Other (please state)

e. Facilities

TV  Free Internet  Children's Area  Garden

Other (please state)

f. Opening Hours

All day  Twice Daily  Evening only  Part weekly  Weekends only

Other (please state)

6. What stops you using the Village Inn more often than you do?

7. What else would make you use The Village Inn more often?

The Plunkett Foundation has a programme entitled 'More than a Pub' which has been established to help support community ownership of pubs in England and grow the range of services they offer to help local people. The programme is looking to increase the number of community-owned pubs open and trading and grow the range of services offered to help the wider community and address local issues. Examples of services provided by community pubs are a shop, post office, library, internet café, cash point, police surgeries, lunch clubs for the elderly, prescription services and informal meeting spaces for a range of community activities such as sports teams, choirs, live music and walking groups.

8. If the results of this questionnaire show the Parishes interest in retaining The Village Inn would you be willing to help with the 'More Than a Pub' programme to try and source funding?

Yes  No

9. If the results of this questionnaire show the Parishes interest in retaining The Village Inn would you be willing to invest any money to fund the purchase of The Village Inn?

Yes  No

10. If The Village Inn was to become a cooperative pub would you be willing to volunteer to help with the running of it?

Yes  No

11. Where would you like your pub to be located?

Village Inn current site  New build new site  Linked to Village Hall

Other (please state)

12. If there was not a pub in Ashwater would the creation of a social club perhaps linked to the village hall be of interest to you?

Yes  No

13. Please add any other comments or suggestions

**If you answered yes to question 8, 9 or 10 please add you name, address and contact telephone number below in order you can be contacted.**

The results of the questionnaire will be published in the Ashwater Newsletter but if you would like to be contacted directly please add name, address and contact telephone number below.

Name

Address

Telephone Number

Email Address