

Ashwater Newsletter – March 2020

MARCH EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

unless otherwise stated

- 5th Pub Lunch 12.30pm
- The Village Inn
Ladies Skittles 7.30pm
- 6th Coffee Morning 10.30am
Steel Band 6.30pm
- 11th Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
- 13th Coffee Morning & Wendy's
Knitting demonstration 10.30am
- 16th Camera Club
- 17th Mens Skittles 7.30pm
- 20th Coffee Morning 10.30am
- 25th Mens Skittles 7.30pm
- 27th Coffee Morning 10.30am
Soup & Sweet Lunch 12.30pm
- 29th Parish Hall 10 Years & Time
Capsule Burials & Cream Teas
2.00pm

PARISH HALL BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

Email:
ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com
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ASHWATER SHOP Tel: 01409 211 192

Shop Hours

Mon – Fri: 8.30am - 5.00pm
Sat: 8.30am - 12 noon
Sun: 9am - 12 noon

Post Office Hours

Mon – Thurs: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Fri: 10.00am - 4.00pm
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Tuesday 24th March

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ASHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at Ashwater Parish Hall on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

ASHWATER PARISH HALL

Ashwater Parish Hall, situated in the heart of the village, offers all you could possibly need, hosting the parish's wide range of club/activities, including two badminton clubs, ladies skittles, table tennis, men's skittles, pilates, yoga, camera club and the steel band.



With its stunning views over the Devonshire rolling hills and easy access from neighbouring villages and towns, as well as the A30, Ashwater Parish Hall is a fantastic venue for wedding receptions and parties, fund raising events and get togethers. If you would like more information please telephone and talk to us on **07787 290 292**, or email ashwaterparishhall@gmail.com

We hold a lovely **Coffee Morning** every Friday from 10.30 to 12.00 noon where all are welcome with freshly made cakes, teas/coffees etc.

Wendy's Knitting - As usual Wendy will be giving a knitting demonstration at the Coffee morning on Friday, March 13th from 10.30am onwards. Why not come along and enjoy a coffee while knitting and nattering!

The Ashwater Parish Hall will be celebrating its **10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY** on Sunday 29th March 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Alongside this will be the re/burial of the Time Capsules - the children of Ashwater Primary School have kindly put together a new Time Capsule to be buried alongside the old one.

We are delighted to have the new vicar of Ashwater Parish Church, the Reverend Stephen Skinner, as our special guest to bless the two Time Capsules.

We will be serving cream teas and would love to see as many of you as possible.

Finally, the Ashwater Parish Hall has had a new and improved booster fitted for the hearing loop, we would like to thank the Ashwater Parish Council for their very kind donation towards it.

ASHWATER SCHOOL WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5th MARCH

We are planning activities to inspire and engage children in reading. This year we have decided to have a theme of 'A book at bedtime' and instead of dressing up as a book character, staff and children can come to school in their pyjamas on Thursday 5th March. We are sure the children will be pleased with this as the School Council have been asking about pyjama days. Hopefully, parents will also find it easier than preparing a costume.



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ASHWATER SCHOOL

NORTHLEW AND HATHERLEIGH TRAINING BRASS BAND

On Tuesday 21st January the children had an assembly from Adrian Edwards and Rebecca Runford of *Northlew and Hatherleigh Training Brass Band*. It was an exciting and inspiring assembly and the children enjoyed finding out about six different brass instruments.



The Federation has been awarded the Music Mark, awarded by ABRSM in recognition of a commitment to providing high quality music education for all children. This spurs us on to look at further opportunities to enrich children's musical education. Thanks to Mrs Cawsey for her work in compiling the evidence for us to be awarded this mark.

OKEHAMPTON ROTARY CLUB QUIZ HEAT



Our quiz team participated for the first time in the Okehampton Rotary Club quiz heat, which took place at Okehampton Primary School on Thursday evening, 6th February.

We were one of seven schools participating in that heat. Throughout the competition our team, consisting of Maddi, Nancy, Verity and Arthur, competed against Okehampton, Bridestowe, Northlew and Halwill Primary Schools. They were a credit to Ashwater School and although they didn't win, they certainly demonstrated our school motto: 'Aim High, Be Resilient, Take Care of Each Other'

APRIL CRAFT FAYRE

Hold the date for the next craft fair - Saturday 4th April, from 10.00am till 2.00pm.

Browse the various stalls, enter the raffle to win the selection of great prizes. Enjoy the yummy bacon baps, pork baps, coffee and cakes. **Proceeds to Ashwater Football Club.**

ASHWATER FOOTBALL CLUB

Home games are 2.30pm Kick Off:

14th March - South Molton

21st March - Taw Park

SHOP TALK

This Mothering Sunday (on 22nd March) come and see what special gifts we have in store for you to spoil your Mum. Beautiful pamper products and makeup, scented candles, delicious fudge and chocolates. Also, we have a £1 raffle for a fabulous hamper of goodies for your Mum, get your tickets from the shop now!



We have a new shop flyer showing the wide range of products that we stock for your benefit. If you have special requirements for an item that is not stocked, speak to John, the manager and he will accommodate you if possible. Pick one up in the Shop or check-out on the Parish website:

<https://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk/village-shop>

FORTHCOMING EVENT IN JULY

An evening of comedy and song with **Johnny Cowling**, comedian, singer, warm up artist to the stars and Pirate Radio DJ.

In Ashwater Parish Hall, Thursday 30th July, doors open at 7pm for a 7.45pm start.

Tickets £12.50 to include a pasty available now from the Shop or telephone Mell: 07932 592010...Limited availability.

LADIES SKITTLES

We are next playing on Thursday 5th March, starting at 7.30pm. We welcome all ladies that would like to join us for a friendly evening of skittles.

MEN'S SKITTLES

Games start at 7:30pm.

The remaining fixtures for this season are:

3rd March - Away to Morwenstow

10th March - Away to North Tamerton

17th March - Arthur Palmer competition at home.

Contact: Terry Darby 01409 211 229, Bob Griggs 01409 211 213

THE VILLAGE INN LUNCH

Please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day. Join us from 12.30pm for the very reasonably priced two course meal.

Telephone Phil and Dee on 01409 211 200.

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ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH - ST PETER AD VINCULA

Church Services in March:

Sunday 1st Holy Communion9.30am
Sunday 8th JOY 2020 Worship Service, RHS Rosemoor* 3.00pm
Sunday 15th Family Service.....9:30am
Sunday 22nd Mothering Sunday Service9:30am
Sunday 29th Benefice Service at Clawton11.00am
All are welcome to attend.

***JOY 2020** is a series of festival weekends around Devon, organised by the Diocese of Exeter. The first weekend (6th - 8th March) is in North Devon and a number of events have been planned.

More information can be found on the leaflets available in church or on the Internet at: exeter.anglican.org.

There is free entry to RHS Rosemoor for the service on 8th March provided that admission is booked online in advance. Come along and meet all of our 3 Bishops on the same day.

CHURCH NEWS

The last **Soup & Sweet Lunch** of the present series will take place on Friday, March 27th, in the Parish Hall, from 12.30 until 2pm. A charge of £5 a head going towards church funds.

ASHWATER COMMUNITY STEEL BAND

The Band was in evidence in Ashwater Church at the recent Welcome Ceremony for Stephen Skinner the new Priest in Charge of the Ashwater Benefice.

The Band continues to move forward and is currently working with the Devon Schools Music Hub to enhance the many types of music in schools and the wider community.

We have new members including children and adults and we have already begun our 2020 programme of bookings. We will attend Ashwater Agricultural Show if asked and will be at the Bude Classic Car Show in May and the Bude Folk Festival over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend.

We hope to continue our work with Parkinsons and Breath Easy Groups, schools and the Womens Institutes all over Devon and Cornwall.

If you are interested in following the band/dates of events.
Go to:- ashwatercommunitysteelband.wordpress.com

We will place reports and hope to include some images throughout 2020, in our excellent Ashwater Newsletter. As ever anyone is welcome to come to any of our practices (1st Friday in each month). **Tony and Chris March 01409 211340**

ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next event will be a visit to Agatha Christie's House and Gardens at National Trust Greenway. A provisional date has been set for Saturday 25th April, when it is envisaged we will car share to Dartmouth and catch the morning ferry to Greenway, returning late afternoon.



TORRINGTON MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 9th April 2020, at the Village Inn.
Arrive 1.15pm and Depart 1.45pm
For more information Telephone: 0345 155 1001
Website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

Our first Friday walk in February found 40 of us at the start by the village hall in Halwill Junction. The rain clouds parted and we had pleasant sunshine for a couple of hours whilst we followed various tracks and paths along a circular route out to the chapel at Chilla after which we then followed the lane back to the village. On the 14th the weather was less amenable, but after a very wet and windy week the rain did actually hold off. We were at Upper Tamar Lake where all the recent rains had filled the reservoir to capacity and the run-off over the spillway made a spectacular cascade.

Our level 1 walk for people with limited mobility, whether this is just temporary or longer term, meets every Monday at the Holsworthy Area Sports Pavilion, Stanhope Park at 10.30 am. Tea and biscuits are served afterwards which gives a good opportunity for making friendships and socialising.

Our Friday walks meet 10.30am from various locations as listed in the programme which can be downloaded from our website at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk or are available in local venues such as Holsworthy Library and the Tourist Information Centre. **Any queries please contact Gillian Aston on 01409 254642 or email holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com**

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CAMERA CLUB

This month on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm, Gemma Varney, a local professional photographer, will be showing club members different ways to experiment with flash.

February's session was spent watching parts of a 3 day training video on how Brooke Shaden creates her fine art portraiture. Brooke is from the USA and took a degree in film making and literature and when qualified, went into photography, her first love. She has used what she learnt in her degree to take photos that create a story.

Unlike normal portrait photographers, she does not accept commissions but chooses her own subjects. The picture is not about the model but about the creating a character that tells a story. Often they can be provocative and a lot have a touch of surrealism, they all were amazingly inspiring!

Her work is heavily edited in Photoshop where she often spends hours composing different photos and images to create her final masterpiece, this is then sold in a gallery.

To see her work go to brookeshaden.com/gallery

CALENDAR COMPETITION

A big thank you to all who took part in the calendar competition and the answer sheet, but we can only have one winner...and that is Kate and Adrian Davies...well done.



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ASHWATER VE DAY 2020 CELEBRATIONS

Two events are in the planning for Ashwater Parish to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

On Friday 8th May we will be holding a Tea Party on the Village Green

We would like as many people as possible to attend. Please bring and share a savoury or sweet. Drinks will be provided. We hope to have children's games and dancing round a Maypole.

- 2.30pm: Everyone gathers on the Ashwater Village Green
- 2.55pm: The last post will be played and reading of names on the war memorial, read by Rev Stephen Skinner
- 3.00pm: "The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2"
- 3.05pm to 5.00pm Tea party celebration

Please fill in the slip below and hand it into the Ashwater Village Shop to let us know the savoury or sweet dish that you will be bringing to the Tea Party.

On Saturday 9th May there will be a Ceilidh held in the Parish Hall - 7.00pm start

Music will be performed by "Spinach for Norman" from Bratton Clovelly. Tickets to include a pasty are £4.00 per person, family ticket £10.00 available from the Ashwater Village Shop.

Please buy your tickets in advance as we need to order the pasties.

VE Day Tea Party 8th May 2020

Name:

Email/Phone:

I will bring:

