

ASHBY ST MARY PC WEBSITE - LATEST NEWS ARCHIVE

Entries below are previous Latest News items that date back approximately one year from the most recent entry.

01/08/2018

(This replaces the update of 18th April 2018 - To view previous updates, click [HERE](#))

A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE:

- The draft minutes for the last meeting (17th May 2018) have been published - see below
- Ashby fundraisers - Pie & Ale evening, Friday 31st August - Harvest Supper, Saturday 13th October - see below
- On 3rd June, in support of TAPP (Thurton & Ashby Playground Project), parish councillors Robert Todd and Mark Rolph, together with parish resident Greg Kelly, took part in the Norwich 50, a 50 mile cycle ride, in aid of funds towards the improvements due to take place at our village playground. See a report on the [HISTORY](#) page
- The local Women's Institute triumphed in a ten pin bowling competition - see below
- The next update is hoped to feature a new separate page dedicated to Ashby St Mary Church
- Parish rainfall figures have been updated

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Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m. The draft agenda appears below and is therefore subject to amendment. This meeting had to be re-arranged from the previous date of 12th July 2018.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the last (17 May 2018) meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the [MANAGEMENT](#) page.

Ashby & Thurton Playgroup Project

The following includes an abridged version of the details in the August/September edition of 11Says. The last two months fundraising has gone exceptionally well. The anticipated refurbishment has been boosted by all the remaining funds (almost £2000) of the long-disbanded Thurton and Ashby Football Club. The Project's own stalls at the Thurton Auto Jumble raised £195. This year's local Classic and Retro car meets at the George & Dragon pub, organised by Appreciating Classics Ltd, have so far raised £1100. The project has been selected by Tesco in its 'Bags of Help' scheme as one which could be awarded £4k, £2k or £1k depending on the number of customer's tokens cast in the Harford Bridge shop or surrounding Express stores. The scheme ends at the end of August, so please keep casting those tokens.

Not to be forgotten are the very generous donations to the Ashby TAPPERS - your Ashby cycling team that completed the Norwich 50 mile ride in June. Their current donation total stands at a fantastic £517.75 (we were aiming for £300!). Known donors are not only local but include Worthing and France! Donations can still be made online until the 3rd September at mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ashbytappers. Again, thanks to all those who supported the three cyclists Greg Kelly, Mark Rolph and Robert Todd.

The total amount raised to date towards the Playground Project stands close to £10,000.

Ashby Fundraisers

Friday 31st August - Pie & Ale evening from 7 to 9.30 p.m.

Archers pies, Adnams ale and Abba music - a triple A event. Venue is Rectory Cottage next to Ashby church. £10 per head. Vegetarian option available strictly by advance contact with Margaret 480135, Wendy 480170 or Eve 480962.

Saturday 13th October - Harvest Supper at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

The venue is Ashby St Mary & Thurton Village Hall. £15 includes main course, dessert and coffee.

Bring your refreshments. Raffle. Limited to 60 by ticket only from Margaret Burgess 480135 or Terry Kitt 480954.

All proceeds are towards church funds.

Messages from the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee -
There is now an up and running Facebook page for the Village Hall.
Future fundraisers are a Yule Disco in November 2018 (date TBA).
2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the Village Hall, so a fete is planned to include the community.

Victorious W.I. team

Thurton, Ashby & District W.I. won the 2018 W.I. ten pin bowling competition. The final took place in May at Bowthorpe where they competed against Horsford Afternoon W.I. for the coveted trophy. The qualifying rounds saw both teams score very well but in the final the occasion seemed to get the better of all the competitors and their true potential did not materialise. Despite the tension of the final, Thurton and Ashby triumphed by just a single pin. Such a close result must have made for a fantastic night of excitement. Well done to the Thurton, Ashby & District W.I. team of Janet Byrne, Betty Catchpole, Monica Payne and Janet Reynolds.

100 Club winners

These are the winners since this page was last updated. April - E. Smith; May - C. Powell; June - F/D Michleburgh; July - the village hall won!

18/04/2018

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A QUICK LOOK AT WHAT'S IN THIS RELEASE:

- The parish council has a new clerk Jayne Casey - see below
- The draft minutes for the last meeting (22nd March 2018) have been published - see below
- A casual vacancy still exists for a parish councillor - see on the [HANDBOOK](#) page or [HERE](#)
- For details of the Thurton and Ashby PreSchool Playgroup Playground Project and its funding aims, see below
- News from the Village Hall Management Committee - see below
- Parish rainfall figures have been updated

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New Ashby St Mary clerk

The parish council extends a warm welcome to its new clerk Jayne Casey. Jayne, who was appointed in March, lives in Ashby so has a good background knowledge of the parish - an ideal situation for an incoming clerk. It is hoped she enjoys many happy and interesting years of service!

Proposed Boundary Changes aka "Community Governance Review"

The parish council chairman successfully argued Ashby's case at the South Norfolk Review Committee meeting on 29th November 2017, for Ashby St Mary to remain independent and not to merge with Thurton. This followed the survey of Ashby households carried out by the parish council in which 91.25% of the responses received supported independence. The Review Committee then withdrew its proposal to merge the parish councils. The recommendation was due to be ratified in February 2018. When last checked this had still not taken place. Your parish council is watching the situation closely. The details of the survey were displayed in the previous Latest News section of the website and can be found in previous updates (see the link at the top of this section).

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m. The draft agenda appears below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the last (22 March 2018) meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the [MANAGEMENT](#) page.

Thurton & Ashby Playgroup Project (TAPP)

At the parish council meeting in March, Bridie Mickleborough, on behalf of the Thurton and Ashby Playgroup Project, explained the plans of the Thurton & Ashby Preschool Playgroup for a new park to replace the existing one in the playing field at the village hall. A sub-committee under the umbrella of the Village Hall Committee had been formed with a view to oversee the project, including fundraising

towards a total of £65,000. Grants are available which has resulted in the Preschool Playgroup aiming to raise £10,000. £4500 has been raised so far. The hopeful completion date is the end of this current year. The support of Ashby St Mary parish council was sought which the council was pleased to give.

Messages from the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee -

There is now an up and running Facebook page for the Village Hall.

Future fundraisers are 19th May - Fish and Chips Quiz, tickets £12 each - see below; November (date TBA) - Yule Disco.

2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the Village Hall, so a fete is planned to include the community. £2K was received from the Tesco Bags scheme, which is being used to update the kitchen. Quotes are currently being sought and this will be completed with local support. The 100 club almost has a full takeup. The Village Hall is working closely with TAPP.

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19/09/2017

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- The parish council extends its very grateful thanks to its retiring clerk, Linda Gray for her years of work and dedication during her term of office and wishes her well for the future. A very warm welcome to the council's new clerk, Jill Bachus, whose appointment is expected to take place at the forthcoming parish council meeting - see the agenda below
- For the survey results of Ashby residents regarding the ongoing proposed Boundary Review, see below. This proposal effectively seeks to merge parishes
- The draft minutes for the last meeting (13th July 2017) have been published - see below
- A casual vacancy still exists for a parish councillor - see on the [HANDBOOK](#) page or [HERE](#)
- News from the Village Hall Management Committee - see below
- Parish rainfall figures have been updated

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Proposed Boundary Changes aka "Community Governance Review"

From the South Norfolk Electoral Services Team (review@s-norfolk.gov.uk - www.south-norfolk.gov.uk - 01508 533795)

South Norfolk Council are undertaking a Community Governance Review across the district. Following the first phase of consultation, recommendations have now been published. These can be viewed on <https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/CGReview>

Today (1st September) we opened the second consultation phase whereby residents, Community Groups and Parish Councils are welcomed to submit comments on these recommendations. This second consultation period will be open until 27 October 2017. Submissions can be made following this link <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Parish/>

Alternatively submissions can be made in response to this email or in writing to: Electoral Services Department, South Norfolk Council, Cygent Court, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE.

The ongoing proposed Boundary Review effectively seeks to merge parishes. Your parish council undertook a survey of all Ashby households to seek the views of its parishioners. These would be submitted to our district councillor to ensure the views of Ashby parishioners and their parish council were made known and taken into account. Parishioners may wish to make their own more detailed views known to South Norfolk District Council.

Ashby St Mary Survey of views of Parishioners on Boundary Changes

- a. Total number of properties in Ashby St Mary..... 122
- b. Properties where residents had recently moved to Ashby (who felt they were unable to give an opinion.)4
- c. Properties where parishioners were in hospital.....2

Properties surveyed116

Responses.....80

This represents 68.97% of the properties surveyed.

Results

Properties who agreed that Ashby St Mary should remain independent.....73

This represents 91.25% of the responses to the survey and 62.90% of the properties surveyed.

Properties who did not want Ashby St Mary to remain independent.....7

This represents 8.75% of the responses to the survey and 6.07% of the total properties surveyed.

The responses were lower than normal for Ashby, as in the past we have a response to surveys in excess of 90%. This may be because the survey was carried out during the Holiday period.

Conclusion

It is plain from the results that the village wishes to remain independent and in its present form.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is due to be held at the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall on THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m. The draft agenda appears below and is therefore subject to amendment.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the last (13 July 2017) meeting can be found in Latest Minutes on the MANAGEMENT page.

Messages from the Ashby & Thurton Village Hall Management Committee -

Fish and Chip Supper - Saturday 23 September 2017

The evening will start at 7 p.m. and includes the meal, a quiz and raffle. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are just £10 each available from Julie Powell on 01508 480966 or Carol Powell on 01508 480089.

Latest 100 Club winners for Aug and Sept are:-

August 61 Audrey Chapman - September 53 Chris Ros Limbach.

Tesco Bags Of Help

The Management Committee was awarded £2,000 for the Tesco Bags of Help. The Committee wishes to thank all those who voted for us in the Tesco Stores and that it will be spending the funds on updating kitchen items.

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17/08/2017

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- Our long-standing parish clerk is resigning - a vacancy will exist- see below
- A casual vacancy exists for a parish councillor - see on the HANDBOOK page or [HERE](#)
- July 2017 report by South Norfolk's County Councillor, Barry Stone - see [CONTACTS](#)
- News from the Village Hall Management Committee including a September Fish & Chip Supper
- Rainfall has been updated

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Wanted - Parish Clerk

Our parish clerk, Linda Gray, has sadly found it necessary to tender her resignation effective from 31st August. A vacancy will therefore exist and prospective candidates are invited to apply for the post. The advertisement for the clerk vacancy appears below.

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The Management Committee's stall at the Auto Jumble on 28th May raised £62.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Play Your Cards Right game. The Treasure Chest was won by a young girl from Loddon and the bottle of whisky was won by Julie Powell.

100 Club update - 100 Club June draw winner was Doreen Yallop and the July draw winner was Ina Webb.

The August draw winner's name is awaited.

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