

Report of St Mary's Church Ashby Parochial Church Council

All is well with the church and functions are being arranged to raise funds during the coming year. The Quiz held for all villages in the Benefice was arranged by Ashby this year on Friday 25th March 2017 and was won by Yelverton.

A Sausage and Cider evening is proposed for Saturday 27th May 2017 and details will be published shortly.

Further events such as a Strawberry and Pimms Evening in July and possibly a Jazz Evening in September are also being considered.

A new Architect has been appointed and a Quinquennial Inspection completed. This has identified work that needs to be completed as a matter of urgency and a working party has been arranged for Saturday 29th April 2017 from 10.00 to 16.00 and all helpers are welcome, even just for an hour. Refreshments will be available to maintain energy levels.

The Architect has also produced a draft layout for the proposed toilet, kitchen and meeting room, this is to be attached to the north wall of the church. Other alterations within the church are also being proposed. These proposals are at present being considered by the PCC for further action. Once a decision has been decided on an approved layout, an application will be made for funding the project. The PCC will need to canvass all parishioners to ensure that the project will receive their support prior to submitting any application.

An application was made to Historic England for the war memorial, within the Churchyard to be given Listed Building Status and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add Ashby St Mary war memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

The mold that was used to cast the Village sign is now hanging in the church together with a short note of those involved with its design and the making and erection of the sign.

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