



ASHCOTT & PEDWELL
WHAT'S ON

YOUR MONTHLY VILLAGE GUIDE TO NEWS AND EVENTS



Crochet display by the Ashcott "Knit & Natter" group at the Batch *Photo: John Herbert*

Please supply all items for inclusion in the next edition
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ASHCOTT VILLAGE HALL JULY BOOKINGS

* = In Committee Room

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
AM			Toddlers	Table Tennis	Table Tennis		
PM				Sequence Dancing Tea Dance	Table Tennis		Panto auditions
Eve		-	Table Tennis	Knit and Natter	Pub Night Fish and chips #	Private Event	
	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
AM		Table Tennis	Toddlers	Table tennis	Table Tennis		
PM		Short Mat Bowls			Table Tennis		Afternoon Tea for Church
Eve	Table Tennis		Table Tennis	Line Dancing Committee meeting*		Film night	
	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
AM		Table Tennis	Toddlers	Table tennis	Table Tennis		
PM		Short Mat Bowls			Table Tennis		Panto auditions
Eve	Table Tennis	Garden Club	Table Tennis	W.I	Table Tennis		
	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
AM		Table Tennis		Table Tennis	Table Tennis	Avalon Stitchers	
PM		Short Mat Bowls			Table Tennis	Avalon Stitchers	
Eve	Table Tennis Parish Council*		Table Tennis				Quiz
	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st		
AM		Table Tennis		Table Tennis	Table Tennis		
PM		Short Mat Bowls			Table Tennis		
Eve	Table Tennis		Table Tennis				

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

Upcoming public events at a glance

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>For details see page</i>
Fri 3rd July	Pub Night	5.30 - 11pm	Village Hall	7
Sat 4th July	Garage Sale	10am - 1pm	5 Middle St.	9
Sun 5th July	Garden Sales	10 - 1	Around village	33
"	Sunday Session	from 1	Railway Inn	35
9th - 11th July	Beer Festival	See advert	Playing Fields	37
Sat 11th July	Film Night	7 for 7.30pm	Village Hall	19
Sun 12th July	Afternoon Teas	3 - 5pm	Village Hall	23
Tue 14th July	Garden Club	7.30	Village Hall	11
Sun 26th July	Quiz Night	7.15 for 8pm	Village Hall	15
Sat 15th Aug	Film Night	7 for 7.30pm	Village Hall	19
Sat 12th Sept	Barn Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall	33

Regular Events:

Every Weds	Coffee Morning	10 - 12am	All Saints' Church	29
1st Thurs	Tea Dance	2 - 4.15pm	Village Hall	9

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Sunday 5th July

9.30 **Catcott**

11.00 **Chilton Polden**

Trinity 5 (Green)

Holy Communion (BCP)

Informal Worship

Sunday 12th July

9.30 **Burtle**

11.00 **Ashcott**

6.30 **Edington**

Trinity 6 (Green)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship **

Holy Communion

Sunday 19th July

8.30 **Chilton Polden**

10.00 **Shapwick**

Trinity 7 (Green)

Holy Communion (please note earlier time)

Café Church

Tuesday 21st July

7.00 **Catcott**

A Quiet Service

Wednesday 22nd July

10.00 **Edington**

Holy Communion

Sunday 26th July

9.30 **Shapwick**

11.00 **Burtle**

6.30 **Ashcott**

Trinity 8 (Green)

Holy Communion

Informal Worship**

Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd August

9.30 **Catcott**

11.00 **Chilton Polden**

Trinity 9 (Green)

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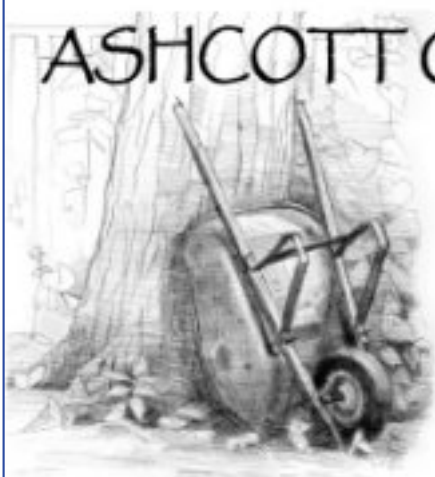
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11th
July**

**Saturday
15th
August**



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Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Ashcott and the surrounding hamlets



Hello everyone,

It's been another busy month both here and in Parliament.

Locally, I joined Avon & Somerset Search and Rescue volunteers out on the Mendip Hills, meeting the team and learning more about

their essential work across the area. Set up in 1975 primarily to rescue climbers in the Cheddar and Avon Gorges, nowadays they respond to a wide range of incidents, accidents and emergencies across the whole area, giving their time freely and helping those who get into difficult, and often risky, situations. They respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and it's truly humbling to spend time with such well-trained, dedicated and highly motivated volunteers. ASSAR are a unique resource for our communities and their work is entirely reliant on public donations. Thank you, ASSAR, for everything you do!

I enjoyed lunch at the Bath & West Show with Mel Squires, previously South West Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union, and Minette Batters, farmer and ex-President of the NFU discussing farming and food. Minette sits in the House of Lords as a crossbencher - meaning she has no political party allegiance - and understands the challenges facing the farming community.



In Westminster, I asked Ministers about:

- * the low mileage rates paid to those undertaking Jury Service
- * Councils losing income from recycling their aluminium
- * potential breaches of export trade regulations for waste tyres
- * huge business rate hikes for rural micro and small businesses
- * long delays to the compensation scheme for victims of the medical 'mesh' scandal

- * the legacy of the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' Bill
- * when and by whom the records relating to the June 1994 Chinook air crash were sealed for 100 years
- * whether new training to increase the understanding of state threats for the Police should be extended to 'front line' health, job centre and social services staff as well
- * habitual waste of NHS expertise, resources, time and taxpayers' money providing unsuitable wheelchairs for patients which then have to be replaced

My next local 'surgeries' are listed below, but please visit my website or contact my office for the full list.

Friday 3rd July from 11:00 to 12:00 at **The Hub Café, Village Hall, East Brent**

Friday 3rd July from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Pub Night, Village Hall, Ashcott**

Saturday 11th July from 09:00 to 10:00 at **The Bluebird Café, Wedmore**

Wednesday 22nd July from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The 'Talking' Coffee Morning, Village Hall, East Huntspill**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

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You will need to book so please call Fred on 01458 210485 to reserve your table.

Cost is £12 each which includes dainty sandwiches, savouries, scones, cakes and a mini dessert. Children half price.

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PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

After several years on the council Mr A Wans has resigned. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for the time and dedication he gave to the council. We send our thanks to him and best wishes for the future.

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council. Should anyone be interested in being co-opted onto the council either contact the clerk at clerk@ashcottparishcouncil.gov.uk or come along to one of our meetings. Our meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7pm in the committee room of the Village Hall

REPORTING NOISE NUISANCE AND OTHER ISSUES ARISING FROM LOCAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

The police have produced a helpful document entitled “Residents’ Guide to Reporting Issues Caused by Local Festivals and Events – Land in Ashcott.”

We would encourage all residents to take a few moments to read it.

The guide explains who to contact if you experience any issues with noise nuisance, breaches of licensing conditions, vehicles causing obstructions, emergency and non-emergency concerns and other events-related issues

The full guide is available on the Parish Council website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ashcottpc/notices/reporting-nuissancenoise>

It is important to report any problems experienced during these events.

Your feedback helps ensure issues are recorded, investigated where appropriate, and understood by authorities.

Month	Meeting Date —7pm on Monday the	Items for the agenda by 5pm on Tuesday the
July	20th	14th
August (only if required)	17th	11th
September	21st	15th



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• On the Wednesday

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 - Help take down on the Sunday? Please.. 'Many Hands'
- All help very very welcome.

Thankyou.

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS

YOU



09th, 10th
& 11th July

www.ashcottbeerfest.org

'All' proceeds to the village, our village.



Don't forget - the show is on
Saturday 12th September 2026 at 2pm.

The hall opens at 9.30 until 11.30 in the morning to bring
your entries. The theme for this year is 'Visitors to the
Garden', with competitions for both adults and children.

The list of classes is much the same with a few changes or
additions. Check out which might win you a trophy!

We are looking forward to seeing all your produce, flowers,
cakes, bread, preserves, art and crafts, and reading your
poems or limericks, on display in the hall.

Look out for a list of the trophy-winning categories as well
as the rules in this issue of What's On.

AGS Committee, Carolyn, Stephen, Sue, Paula, Barry,
Jack, Martin, and Kay

Further details in the 4 page leaflet inserted in this issue!



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We have a monthly speaker giving talks/demonstrations
on various subjects. Also during the evening we have fun
quizzes and a great bookshop selling second-hand books
for £1.

Tea, coffee and cakes are available during our social time.

Visitors are very welcome, there is just a £3 charge for the
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NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16th July at 7.30

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Saturday 12th September

7.30pm

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All ages welcome

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09th JULY

THURSDAY 7pm-10pm
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10th JULY
FRIDAY 7pm-12pm
LIVE MUSIC & BBQ Food

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- Autumn Red
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11th JULY

FAMILY FUN DAY 12-5pm

'Down on the Farm' Theme
Art & activities, music & fun.
Scarecrow Competition & Great Food

- Street Sings
- Ashcott Panto
- A Bit O'Bling
- Dragon Drummers

Dress-Up for
the farm if
you wish!

SATURDAY NIGHT
5pm - 12.00pm

LIVE MUSIC & BBQ Food

- Andy Harvey
- St Fian
- The Ancestors



Free CAMPING
for festival goers!



All proceeds in aid of Ashcott: Primary School, Playing Fields & Cheeky Chimps Pre-School

www.ashcottbeerfest.org

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

The following activities listed below regularly take place in the Village.
A contact name and telephone number are also given for those requiring further information on any activity.

Ashcott Ladies Rounders Team	Ali Evans	210828
Ashcott Village Hall Committee	Debbie Shingler	210947
Ashcott Parish Council	Vicky Young	860827
Ashcott Garden Club	Trish Hulatt	210861
Playing Field Pavilion Bookings	Paula Willoughby	07561 063229
Ashcott Youth Football	Colin Macpherson	07921 210364
Avalon Stitchers	Daphne Willis	07484 101425
Belfry Coffee Morning - Ashcott Church	Marion Folkes	07946 016012
Ashcott Garden Show	Kay Wensley	210973
Line Dancing (U3A)	Elaine Robertson	01458 840252
Miles & Hurman Trust	Sandra Frampton	210050
Baby & Toddlers	Paula Willoughby	07561 063229
Retired Men's Breakfast Club	Ian Bagg	210770
Pantomime	Sue Wilton	210585
Ashcott Beer Festival	Duncan Cameron	210713
Short Mat Bowls	Jenny Todman	210437
Table Tennis	Peter Rendle	210583
Table Tennis (U3A)	Wendy Fouracres	07890 604059
Village Agent	Main Line	01823 331222
W.I.	Angela Nutt	210889
All Saints Church	John Harvey	210562
Ashcott Church Bell Ringers	Henry Routley	210238

If there are any other activities which you may be interested in, and possibly like to help organise, please contact the Chair:
Debbie Shingler on 210947



CHURCH NEWS

Hi folks,

We finally have a start date for the new benefice! Our launch service will be on **Sunday September 13th at 11am** at All Saints Church in Ashcott. Many of us have expressed our unease about the necessity of this and the process along the way; but it is worth realising that many of these feelings are shared by those in Moorlinch and Stawell – and it is worse for them, because in joining us, they leave their friends in Middlezoy and Othery. I have been greatly impressed by the desire and willingness of members of all eight churches to leave our unease behind and to embrace our future as a group of eight churches.



Some ancient Christian symbols
Image credit: Simon Ray, Unsplash

I was intrigued to find that an early Christian symbol was a circle with eight spokes (shown here)! In the first three centuries of the church, Christians were often persecuted. They therefore needed to develop secret symbols so that other Christians would know, for example, that a particular house was a meeting place. Thus, the Greek word ΙΧΘΥΣ meaning ‘fish’ is also an acronym for the words “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour”. If you lay the Greek characters on top of each other, you a circle with eight spokes. If that sounds obscure – that was the intention!

As we become a group of eight churches, our deepest need is to know more of “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour” – who is at the heart of all we do.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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