



Ashill Village Newsletter March 2018

WELCOME to your newsletter. The February snowdrops are under snow in Ashill! It would be great to see you at St Stephen's and at the skittles night if you can come along by sledge, skis or even in your wellies!

Forthcoming events

Ashill St Stephens services in March

On Sunday March 4th there will be a Family/All-Age Service at 9.30am and will be held regularly on the 1st Sunday of each month thereafter.

On Sunday March 18th there will be a Holy Communion Service at 9.30am and will be held regularly on the 3rd Sunday of each month thereafter.

Please come along and have a taster of these new services led by Rev Mike North.
All welcome with refreshments to follow.

SKITTLES NIGHT

At Ashill Village Hall

On Saturday 10th March



8pm start

Free Entry

Food and Bar open too!

All welcome. Just for fun. No experience necessary.

Updates

Ashill Flower Show

Saturday 28th July

Schedules will be available at the end of March from Rosalie Fleet 841357

Or they can be downloaded from ashillvillagehall.co.uk

Where was the garage in Ashill where you could buy a tin of peas and a sherbet dab?

There seems to be quite a bit of interest in holding a 'local history event'.

Please do mention your ideas to any member of the village hall committee and they will see what can be organised for the future.

As they say 'watch this space'!



Coffee, Cake and Chat

The next morning will be on Wednesday 28th March
From 10-12pm

Everyone is very welcome.

If you feel this is something that you would like held more frequently, or you would like to bring along a homemade cake contact Pat fcrackerdog@aol.com

Suggestions for your Newsletter

If you have anything that you would like to see in the Newsletter in future, please contact barbiesmail123@gmail.com
Deadline for the next issue-Wednesday March 21st

For bookings and further information please visit www.ashillvillagehall.co.uk

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SUPERFAST

ASHILL & CRADDOCK CORE GROUP

Hi everyone

There is some news to update you all on this month.

Funding the Openreach Community Solution

Many of you expressed at the village meeting that you preferred the certainty of the Openreach option as you would know with certainty the 'what' and 'when' of this solution and that it could be cheaper per households to install/activate if the cost was spread sufficiently across the community. We would therefore like to invite those of you interested in this solution to pledge an amount that you would be willing to contribute towards (privately via this email address).

Any pledges would be treated confidentially and you would not be committing yourself at this stage. It is indicative and you can pledge whatever you feel is reasonable or none at all. The amount needed to raise would be £22,000 - with works commencing after reaching £11,000 (and a contract for delivery within 12 months). We would also stress this option would not be taken unless we have confirmation that doing so would not jeopardise our phase 2 roll out inclusion.

This option will likely not be of interest for those of you who are happy with your current broadband speed OR would prefer to wait for the Gigaclear 'phase 2' option OR simply feel we should not have to pay for this.

We have had a small number of keen home owners pledging and are already up to £2,000 so well on our way to the £11k (50%) work commencing milestone. So, if you support this option please email me privately superfast.ashill@gmail.com with your pledge amount.

CDAS phase 2 roll out progress (Gigaclear full-fibre network)

Following the previous update in December we have been trying in vain to meet with CDAS (Connecting Devon and Somerset) to try and get more specifics about the installation of the Gigaclear solution including who would benefit and when this would be completed. Unfortunately, after getting a meeting pencilled in for the 18th January CDAS cancelled with only 3 days notice and have not come back to us with another date despite contact from the group. Their non-response has been flagged to our MP, Neil Parish and we await a further update.

We have discovered squirrelled away on the [CDAS website](#) a historical projected time line for the 'Craddock' community area. This suggests phase two works for the 'area' will commence Q3 2018 and complete Q1 2019.

Also, many of you will not have noticed in the news that the large construction firm, *Carillion*, went into liquidation mid-January. This is relevant and a bit of a concern as it had fibre broadband installation contracts with Gigaclear. Despite this a spokesperson for the Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, which oversees the state aid supported Broadband Delivery UK programme, said: "We have been advised by contractors that any impact on the BDUK rollout of superfast broadband is likely to be minimal." (www.ispreview.co.uk). Lets hope this is the case. We still await confirmation/reassurance about completion dates from Gigaclear or CDS about when our communities will benefit.

As always do get in touch if you have any questions/comments.

Also to note we've heard about a new type of mobile broadband router from EE that's in the works - which individual households might want to consider when available. It uses the EE mobile phone network to deliver your broadband to a box in your home. Broadband speeds will depend on how strong your EE mobile signal is and you can get an idea about how fast it might be from this network coverage map [here](#). I would estimate the very best we'd be getting locally would be around 24-30Mbps. Special external aerials can be installed onto the exterior of properties to boost the signal strength *inside* the home for an additional £100. Prices start from £25 per month - which appears to be just for the broadband and not your landline. More information can be found [here](#).

Many Thanks,

Joe Maguire - on behalf of the **SAC Core Group**.



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ASHILL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Committee is considering areas for funding.

Do you have any thoughts and suggestions? For example: more sports equipment for Village Hall users, a shed for storage...

This is YOUR hall and the Committee would very much like to hear from you with your ideas.

Any ideas, please contact a member in person or email Sue at sue.treseder103@gmail.com

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