

# ASHILL NEWS

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## BROADBAND UPDATE



Over the last few months, you will no doubt have noticed the significant activity by Openreach around Ashill & Craddock and good progress with the building of our new fibre broadband infrastructure.

Having noticed that activity had slowed over the last few weeks, and there are a number of planned road closures for various Openreach works during June and July, we reached out to them for a progress update.

Indications from our Openreach contact suggest that the works will need to be completed prior to the launch of the new fibre service.

We wanted to make the community aware of this information and although they have not given us any definite completion date, the core group feel that realistically the service go-live will be delayed until August - September 2021, at the earliest.

Openreach provided some reassurance that the government vouchers many of us have will not now expire after 12 months. This change was made by the government due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Voucher recipients therefore need not worry about any financial implications due to this delay.

This may be very disappointing news but we would rather communicate realistic expectations and hope the work is completed earlier than leave you all in the dark.

*Joe, Julia and Martyn*

## NEW PILATES CLASS

Would you be interested in joining a new Pilates class at Ashill Village Hall?

Karen Rees has been running Beginners/Intermediate Pilates classes in Kentisbeare and Cullompton since 2011 and is looking to start a class on a Monday – either afternoon or early evening (before ladies skittles) – during school term time, subject to the easing of coronavirus restrictions, social distancing etc.

Please email Karen directly if you are interested at [karen.m.rees@googlemail.com](mailto:karen.m.rees@googlemail.com) She will email you back a link to an online questionnaire to determine the optimum class time and understand levels of previous Pilates experience.

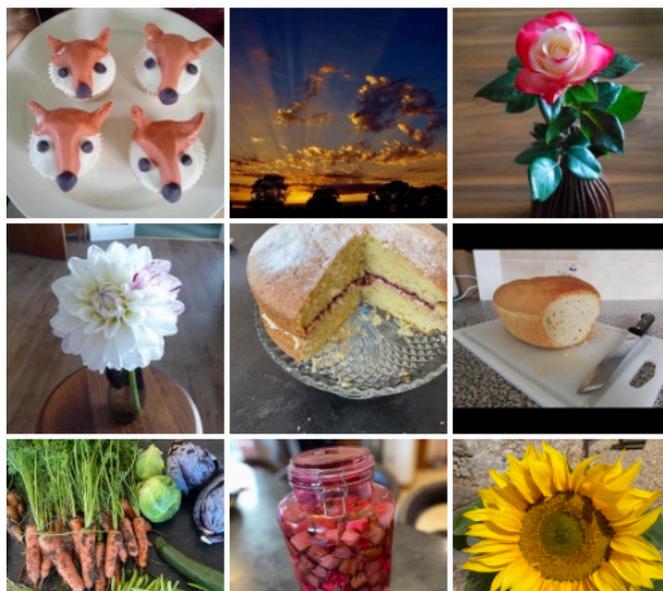


## SPECIAL EASTER DELIVERY

Easter Sunday saw the return of the Ashill Easter Bunny, as the children of the village awoke to a doorstep chocolate egg delivery. Lots of great feedback was received, and many chocolatey breakfasts enjoyed!

## ASHILL FLOWER SHOW

Ashill's 73rd flower show will be held on **Saturday 7th August** so why not grow a little something in your garden, get baking and start crafting to join in all the fun?! With a vast array of classes, there are possibilities for everyone! This year's entry form and top tips are attached with the newsletter for you to download.



## AL FRESCO @ ASHILL INN

The team at the Ashill have done a fantastic job turning the beer garden into a welcoming and Covid-safe haven! Their al fresco **bar opening times are:**

Tuesday 12-2pm  
Wednesday 12-2pm; 5:30-9pm  
Thursday 12pm-2pm; 5:30-9pm  
Friday 12-2pm; 5:30-10pm  
Saturday 12-2pm; 5:30-9pm  
Sunday 12-3pm

Their **takeaway service continues Wednesday to Saturday (evenings) and Sunday lunch**, with pre-ordering very much appreciated. Order on 01884 840506 or message directly via the Ashill Inn Facebook page. Although you can't book a table in the garden, you're welcome to enjoy your takeaway there, if there's one free!

Committee: Chair: Pat Blackman; Secretary: Terry Edwards; Treasurer/Booking Secretary: Steve Darby; Rob Tootill; Tony Sanders; Becky Darby; Viv Perry; Kathryn Hebly; Tony Murphy; Tony Tonge.

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For bookings and further information please visit [www.ashillvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ashillvillagehall.co.uk)

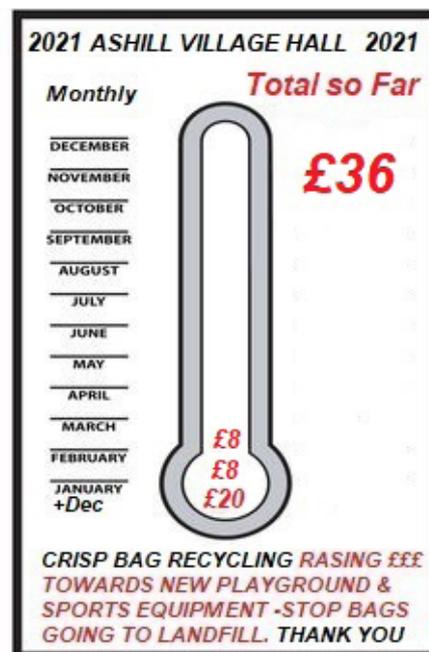
## VILLAGE CALENDAR 2022

The Village Hall committee would like to put together an Ashill calendar for 2022 featuring photos that really characterise our beautiful village. The idea would be to select photos relevant to each month from pictures submitted by villagers. It seems the easiest way to do this would be via Ashill Friends Facebook page, so please look out for details in due course. For those of you who are not linked to Facebook, it will be possible to email submissions to [ashillnews@gmail.com](mailto:ashillnews@gmail.com)

## SUNDAYS AT FOUR

Sunday socials at the VH picnic tables kicked off to a great start on sunny April 18th! As long as weather permits, Steve will continue to open the bar on Sundays at 4pm over the coming weeks with table service.

**CRISP BAGS ONLY PLEASE!**



Some other types of food wrappings have been creeping into the collection bin in Bramley Way but **only empty foil crisp bags are recycled!** Please can you deliver them flat, otherwise Tony has to 'unscrunch' them all! Thank you.