

PAUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL REPORT

12th February 2024

Coffee Mornings

Weekly coffee mornings continue to be popular, and the mobile market continues to visit every third Friday of the month, which brings in some people to the coffee morning from further afield. A group of around 15 cyclists has also taken to dropping in for coffee on some Fridays. Our local walks continue on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, with Brian Richards running these.

Events

We are still awaiting news of the monies raised by the Pop Up Pub on 1st September.

Our friendly skittles match and ploughman's supper evenings are continuing to be popular. At our match on 6th January, the top 10 scorers formed our team for our return match against Upleadon on 3rd February, when forty people came along and Pauntley were the winners.

On Good Friday, 29th March, we will have an Easter Bonnet competition at our Easter coffee morning, with a prize for children and one for adults. Our second 100 Club draw will also be made at this event.

The projector appears to be functioning now and we have restarted our film evenings, although the acoustics are far from ideal. The film evening on 20th January was postponed as we did not have enough numbers to make it viable. The next film is on Saturday 24th February, when we will be showing 'The Great Escaper'. It is planned to show 'One Life' in April, with the DVD release date awaited.

Chris Philipps is running a quiz evening in aid of Restless Development on Saturday 2nd March. There will be a talk on 27th September by Dood Pearce from Newent Local History Society, on 'Newent Then and Now'. There has been quite a lot of interest in this so hopefully we will have a good turnout. Other events are being discussed at the moment.

Hall Hire

Hall hire remains very quiet with just a few private bookings. Pilates, Newent Rangers and Spiritual Healing continue with regular bookings. Pilates numbers are still quite low and there is always a concern that this may not continue.

Pauntley Play

Pauntley Play continues on Tuesday mornings. Mandy Hampton will be providing an update and there is an agenda item relating to this.

Gigaclear

One of their requirements for continued free connection was that we increase digital inclusion and so we are advertising basic computing sessions to take place at coffee mornings this autumn, aimed at older people. We have to date helped people look for better electricity deals using comparison websites, and also looked at 'what3words' to help people locate properties – postcodes are not much use in the area, and this will be useful for emergency vehicles and also for delivery drivers.

Maintenance

PAT testing was carried out successfully on 5th December. A deep clean took place on 8th December, but ongoing cleaning is still an issue and needs to be discussed. Gutters and drains need to be checked shortly. A cleaning day is planned and this and other small maintenance jobs can be addressed on the day.

Lesley Harding
5th February 2024