

## **PAUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

### **Coffee Mornings**

Coffee mornings continue to be held every week and remain popular - for June and July they brought in £309.60. The mobile market continues to visit every third Friday of the month, which brings in some people to the coffee morning from further afield – they are taking a holiday in August so will be back in September. We will be holding another Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Our local walks continue on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, with Brian Richards running these.

### **Fundraising Events**

Our monthly friendly skittles match and ploughman's supper on 22 July brought in £102.83. We did not hold any other events in June or July due to holidays and the continuing shortage of helpers.

We are holding a Prosecco and Puddings evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August and really need to sell as many tickets as possible to make this viable. We have quite a few donations of puddings and some of prosecco promised, and Ray is yet again kindly providing music for us. A TEN has been applied for and granted.

Patricia and Rik are running a Pop Up Pub on the evening of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, with the Made without Gluten fish and chip van coming along. We are hoping this will be well supported as it is a lot of work and also considerable investment in stock.

A further skittles evening will be held towards the end of September as these are proving very popular.

### **Hundred Club**

To date, 28 tickets have been sold for the 100 Club and there are 3 forms still to be returned. We really need to get at least 50 people before the end of August to make the prizes worth having. We are not allowed to advertise this outside hall supporters but I am asking people at events and emailing out generally to supporters.

### **Hall Hire**

Hall hire remains quiet and, apart from our regular users, there have been few private bookings. Pilates was planning to take a break over the summer but fortunately enough people were interested to allow it to continue, as this brings in around £50 a month. Rangers have finished for the summer but have a weekend camp booked over the August bank holiday weekend.

### **Maintenance**

We had a good turnout for our work party on 28<sup>th</sup> July (around 18 people came to help) and fortunately the weather remained largely dry. The outside windows were cleaned, front and back paved areas weeded, the front hedge cut back and we made a good start on the strimming, weeding and hedge cutting inside the grounds. The kitchen cupboards have (yet again!) been reorganised, and the bus shelter given a coat of creosote. The dying plants in the planters are due to be replaced shortly.

A deep clean of the interior was carried out at the end of June.

Outstanding items:

- The hatch cover in the hall can no longer be used as it has split along one side. An alternative cover still needs to be sourced if anyone has ideas how we can do this.
- Repairs to, and possibly cleaning of, the outside of the hall – external repair filler is being sourced.
- We are also awaiting a quote from Shane Howells regarding the window panes which need replacing – several of them apparently.
- Some training on the use of fire extinguishers would be useful as I am not sure we would know the correct way to use them if they were needed.

### **Gigaclear**

We need in August to start the process of asking Gigaclear to continue to provide our broadband free of charge. I will contact them during the month and complete the request form again – we can emphasise that we use it for parish council meetings, Pilates rely on it to make the classes viable with people joining on Zoom (the connection is better than for most other halls that Sam holds classes in), Rangers use it for online events, and we now need it for our Sum Up machine (not that I have got to grips with it yet so if anyone would like to do so, please get the app on your phone and take it off me!) If anyone can think of anything else we can add to support this please let me know.

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