

## **Appendix 1**

### **PAUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

**9th October 2023**

#### **Coffee Mornings**

Coffee mornings continue to be held every week 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. Our local walks continue on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, with Brian Richards running these.

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September raised a wonderful £290.00 in donations. Brian Richards also held an event in Newent which raised £265.00 and he asked us to pay this in along with our money so we have paid in a total of £545.00 to Macmillan. We are very grateful to everyone who came along and donated generously, and those who made cakes, and brought and bought items in the bring and buy sale.

#### **Events**

The Pop Up Pub run by some of the Real Ale Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> September was a great success, with something like 80 people coming along and taking advantage of the unexpectedly good weather. The Made without Gluten fish and chip van made its last appearance and the Viv Cox band provided music in the marquee. Thanks to Rik, Patricia, Mark and Jo for all their hard work. We understand from Mark that there should be a handsome profit when all expenses are accounted for and are waiting to hear from them.

Our Prosecco and Puddings evening in August was cancelled as we did not sell enough tickets to make it viable. The money for the TEN has been refunded by the District Council.

Our monthly friendly skittles match and ploughman's supper evenings are continuing to be popular and the next evenings will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The projector appears to be functioning now (we hope) and we will be running a film evening on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, showing 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'. The acoustics are still an issue and a revised quote from Leap Audio is awaited but I have not been successful in getting a response from them. They originally proposed 6 acoustic panels on the ceiling at a cost of £642.00 plus VAT. A quote from Quietco proposed covering the whole ceiling and all the walls with acoustic panels at a cost of £14,110.00 plus VAT! I have no way of knowing what is actually needed but checks with other providers suggest that a 25% coverage would be ideal for this type of environment and costs would be something around £4,500.00. This sounds more realistic and I will investigate further.

There is some crackling on the sound and Ray Windless has offered to come up and help try to identify the problem. If all is well, a further film is planned for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, probably 'Living'.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 9th December and Ray Windless has kindly agreed to provide music for this as usual.

## **Pauntley Village Hall 100 Club**

Sixty tickets have been sold for the 100 Club and numbers have now been allocated. A brief report will be circulated. The first quarterly draw will be made at the Christmas Party on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Hall Hire**

Hall hire remains very quiet and, apart from our regular users, there have been few private bookings. Pilates has fortunately continued over the summer, and numbers are looking good, and Rangers held a weekend camp over the August bank holiday weekend and have booked for the autumn term. Geoff Thomas's spiritual healing meetings will also return in the autumn term although no dates have been booked as yet.

## **Pauntley Play**

Pauntley Play for 0-4 year olds and families started on a Tuesday morning on 12<sup>th</sup> September and proved a great success, with 12 families coming along to the first session, some from as far afield as Highnam. Mandy and Carol have been given a grant by the Real Ale Festival committee to help with the purchase of some toys and equipment. They are only charging £2 per session initially but will review this. It was agreed to let them have the use of the hall for no charge for the first month, to see how things go. This would be an excellent activity to note for any grant applications for refurbishment.

## **Gigaclear**

Gigaclear have granted us another year's broadband connection free of charge. One of their requirements is 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. It remains to see if there is any interest but some of our regular coffee morning attendees have agreed to be photographed at the equipment as evidence we are trying!

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30 September 2023