

PAUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL REPORT

12th June 2023

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings continue to be held every week and remain popular. 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.

Fundraising Events

May has been a very busy month. On Monday 8th May, Over 70 people came along to our Coronation party on the afternoon of the Bank Holiday, Monday 8th May, which was a free event but brought in £84.00 from the raffle. The Gardening Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th May was not as well-attended as we would have liked but we made a profit of £237.20, including £ from the sale of hot dogs. Our monthly friendly skittles match and fish and chips on Friday 26th May brought in £47.55. In total, our April events brought in £402.32 and our May events £493.75, a total of £896.07 for the two months.

There are so few of us at present that we are having a rest from events in June, apart from our coffee mornings, as it has been hard work during the last few months. It is looking doubtful whether we can run any events in July as well, as we really need more helpers so it doesn't all fall on the two or three of us who organise and run these events. There are now real concerns about our ability to continue raising money for the upkeep of the hall. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Patricia and Rik are running a Pop Up Pub on the evening of Friday 1st 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.

Hundred Club

The draft rules and the draft application form for the Hundred Club for the village hall are on this agenda for consideration, along with issues such as the proposed start date and how this will be administered. A number of people have already expressed interest in this.

Hall Hire

Hall hire remains very quiet and, apart from our regular users, there have been few private bookings. Newent Rangers continue to meet about twice a month in term time. Pilates continues on a Thursday evening and Geoff Thomas continues his weekly bookings this spring for his spiritual healing workshops, along with a monthly Sunday morning booking.

Maintenance

The hatch cover in the hall can no longer be used as it has split along one side. An alternative cover needs to be sourced if anyone has ideas how we can do this.

We need to arrange a date for a work party to deal with some of the maintenance needed outside the hall:

- Looking at the exterior of the building, as there are patches on the walls where the render needs repairing, and it also needs cleaning. The render repair may be something we need external help with.
- There is quite a lot of weeding to do on the patio and round the base of the walls.
- The windows need cleaning, and it is difficult to do the exterior ones ourselves.

- Other outside checks need carrying out, such as cleaning the gutters, checking the water pipes and drains, and looking for any other maintenance issues.

If we don't keep up maintenance then we need to be aware that any issues that arise might not be covered by the insurance.

Cleaning of the interior is also needed and, unless we can get enough people to help with this, we will need to get cleaners in.

Lesley Harding

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