

PAUNTLEY VILLAGE HALL REPORT

15th May 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. These included a special daffodil walk in April to see the wild daffodils at Ketford Bank.

Fundraising Events

We are holding monthly friendly skittles matches now, as these are proving popular. The evening in April brought in £80.00 and a further match is planned for Friday 26th May, with fish and chips.

Patricia ran a quiz evening on Saturday 22nd April and, although a number of people had to drop out due to illness, 29 people came and we raised a total of £197.32. Over 70 people came along to our Coronation party on the afternoon of the Bank Holiday, Monday 8th May, which was a bit of a surprise! We saw quite a few new faces too, which is always good. We will be holding a return of our Gardening Bring and Buy and Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th May, which proved popular before Covid restrictions put a halt to it. Patricia and Rik have offered to run a pop-up pub in the next few months. We are planning to have a rest in June as it has been hard work during the last few months, with so few of us to organise everything.

Hundred Club

We are planning to set up a Hundred Club for the village hall, with a proposed £2 a month cost (£24 annually) for a number. Each number will be entered into a draw four times a year, which will take place at one of our village hall events. There will be three prizes at each draw, with the total prize money being 50% of the membership fees for that quarter, with the remaining 50% going to village hall funds. The idea has been put to our regular supporters to see if there would be enough interest, and it has been very popular so we plan to go ahead drawing up rules and a membership form, and looking at payment arrangements.

Hall Hire

Hall hire remains 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 exterior of the building still needs some attention, as there are patches on the walls where the render needs repairing. It also needs cleaning, and it may be necessary to ask someone to come and carry out a soft wash as this is difficult to do ourselves. A date for a summer work party is needed for some of the outside work that needs doing.

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