

Stramshall Village Hall Newsletter

January 2024



What's been happening

In the Autumn we introduced Coffee Mornings on Thursdays and they have proved to be very popular: a grant was obtained from ESBC to organise a weekly 'Warm Space' session and so we are able to provide FREE tea and coffee.



If you are 'at a loose end' why not come along any Thursday after 10.30am (don't come too early or you may find yourself joining in the Zumba exercise class!). There is bound to be someone you know there waiting for a natter. We do have children's toys and games so little ones are also welcome.



Our first Coffee morning was launched with support from Coffee Connect (Trent and Dove initiative). They kindly brought along their coffee trailer plus lots of freebies from Holland and Barratt!

Coffee Connect are due to return on January 25th - so make it a date and watch out for the posters!

We ran our first fundraising event, providing refreshments at the Stramshall light switch on in support of the Lantern Society who again kindly put up the Christmas tree and decorations for the benefit of our community. A big thank you for their efforts over the years! We were pleased with the result raising over £100. These funds are going towards the ongoing improvements at the village hall.

The Management Committee has now completed a review of the regulatory policies and booking system. The hall can be booked for children's parties and other one-off events: the rates are very competitive. Simply call Fay Phoenix on 07710 971 263 or use the online Booking Form. Our calendar of events can also be found at www.stramshall.info web site.

We have now installed a new baby changing station in the disabled toilet.

The Meeting Room has had a 'lick of paint' giving it a fresher look. The decorating will be continuing in the main hall over the coming weeks.

If you would like to help the village hall in any way, please contact Peter Wright on 07852750648, we would only be too happy for you to join us on our journey.

Sadly, our regular long-standing cleaner, Vicky, has had to leave due to personal circumstances and so the position is now open. If you know of anyone who is interested in a part time job, again, please contact Peter Wright on 07852750648 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday Coffee Morning 10.45am - 12.45pm

These well attended coffee mornings will be continuing right the way through to the end of March. If you haven't made it along yet, a warm welcome awaits. There are table games and jigsaws to try your hand at, or simply enjoy your drink and chat in good company.

Saturday 16th March: Tea Dance 13:30 - 16:30

Carol Bradbury is back with her key board playing some delightful music: it's a very sociable afternoon of dance (mainly Sequence Dance) - or you can just sit and listen to the music and tap your toes! Tea and cake included. Any profit will go towards church renovations. Contact Pat Cliff on 07973 478 444 for tickets £6.50.

Saturday 30th March: Easter Egg Hunt 14:00 - 16:00

Stramshall ACE are organising an Easter Egg Hunt. More details to follow soon.

What's in the pipeline?

Interest in forming a new Arts and Crafts social group has been raised during the chats at the coffee mornings. We are giving the matter serious consideration. So, if this is something you might be interested in, please contact Catherine Wright On 07711916288. All aspects from knitting and crochet to model making and painting, watercolours, oil or acrylics, felting or card making. Embroidery and sewing the list goes on but all welcome. With the success of the Thursday Coffee Mornings, we are looking at ways to get a further 6 months funded so that we stay open during the summer months as well.

If you have any ideas of missing facilities or improvements that need to be made or there are other activities you would like to see at the hall then please get in touch with any of the committee members: we would love to hear from you!

Entertainment

Soduko: Easy

Random fact:

Twister was the first movie released on DVD!

(Did someone say 'What's a DVD?' !!!)

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