

Stramshall Village Hall Newsletter

April 2024



What's been happening - It has been a busy time at your local Village Hall!



Thursday Coffee Mornings are now well-established with typically 20 to 30 residents attending weekly. Initially, our funding came from ESBC and covered the winter months. With all the positive feedback, Trent and Dove have awarded a grant enabling us to carry on. 'Themed' mornings have been organised including: visits from Coffee Connect; a talk from James

Wakefield, from Residential Energy Services, advising on energy efficiency in the home (a return visit was needed due to the demand!); and The Globe Foundation from Uttoxeter talking about recycling and their Repair Room. Red Nose Day was also supported and the sale of cakes raised £60. Newcomers are always welcome for FREE tea and coffee: there is always someone to chat to so don't worry that you won't know anyone. We do have children's toys and games so little ones are also welcome. The ESBC grant also provided for a projector and screen which has been installed in the Main Hall enabling visitors' better quality for their presentations.

We are happy to say that our new cleaner is a local resident and he is doing a great job!

Whilst we have felt it necessary to increase Hall hire charges slightly from April to keep in-line with inflation and cover our regular outgoings: we know that our rates are still very competitive and this is reflected in the increased number of bookings.



A new addition to our weekly programme is the Arts and Crafts Social Group which runs on Tuesdays at 1pm till 3pm and is proving to be very popular. The photograph shows some of the participants work. Any form of arts and crafts is welcome. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Catherine Wright on 07711916288.

The Spring Tea Dance was a sell-out and raised over £250 for the church renovations. It was the day before St. Patrick's Day and a few people dressed for the occasion - do you recognise this local leprechaun pictured here with keyboard player Carol Bradbury? The next Tea Dance will be 7th December.



Stramshall ACE organised their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Playing Fields and then back at the Village Hall where refreshments were served and activities laid on for the children: a colouring competition (the photograph shows one of the winners collecting her prize), and karaoke (thank you Craig Harrison). A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday (except 2nd May!) Coffee Morning 10:45am – 12:45pm

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, all for free. On 29th April 'Waste Savvy' will attend our coffee morning to advise on recycling and tell us what initiatives they are proposing, so you might see at the local Recycling Centre. Keep an eye out on 'Stramshall ACE' and 'Stramshall, Spath and Hollington Community Group' Facebook pages for weekly updates.

Saturday 20th April: Silent Auction 2pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 2nd May Police Commission Polling Day 7am – 10pm

Please be aware that regular bookings are all cancelled on this date.

Thursday 6th June: Village Hall AGM 7pm

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM.

Doors open 7pm for tea and cake: we will be displaying information about the Village Hall improvements over the last year.

The AGM starts 7.30pm prompt. One of the key points is to create the Management Committee for the following 12 months, if you want to volunteer to join the committee then this is your chance!

However, if you'd like to volunteer occasional help with tasks around the Village Hall from time-to-time (such as gardening) then please don't hesitate to contact our Chairman Peter Wright on 07852 750648. There is no formal commitment but if you feel you might want to help out occasionally this may be for you.

What's in the pipeline?

Having successfully secured a further grant from ESBC, we will be making some external changes to the pathways and lighting around the village hall and improving the fire escape route, to limit the disruption to our regular hirers the work is scheduled for early August.

We will also be replacing the Fire door and possibly front entrance door.

If you have any ideas of missing facilities or improvements that it is felt are needed 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!

The hall can be booked for regular activities or children's parties and other one-off events: our rates are very competitive. Simply call Fay Phoenix on 07710 971 263 or email Stramshall.Village.Hall@gmail.com. Our calendar of events can also be found at www.stramshall.info web site.

