

Stramshall Village Hall Newsletter

July 2024



What's been happening - Another busy few months at your local Village Hall!

What a busy Spring there has been at your Village Hall with a flurry of Children's Parties, a christening, and a delightful Wedding at the Church and afterwards at the hall which had been beautifully decorated. We have had two elections (in case you missed them) and are delighted to welcome back the Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council who now hold alternate meetings at the Stramshall Village Hall to be closer to the community - please come along to contribute your thoughts to their good work around the Parish.



The AGM was held on 6th June. Attendance slightly up on last year which was encouraging! Residents were invited for light refreshments before the meeting which allowed the opportunity to look around a display of all the regular activities that are on at the hall as well as some great 'before and after' photographs of the improvements and

cosmetic changes that have been made to the hall over the last year. At the meeting the existing committee members all declared that they were happy to continue their service for the next 12 months and a growing number of new volunteers wishing to help behind the scenes. Committee roles were assigned at the committee meeting which immediately followed the AGM: one significant change is the role of Treasurer which has been carried out by Joy Oulsnam for many years. Joy now feels that the time is right to take a step back from the position and we thank her whole-heartedly for the many years of service she has given.



Stramshall Out and About Weekend in June was a real community event. Encompassing, the Church Fair, held on Saturday afternoon and this was followed by an Indoor Community Picnic with live music organised by the Village Hall in the evening. On Sunday, Stramshall ACE organised an excellent Treasure Hunt based from the Village Hall with refreshments and children's games; and Open Gardens were arranged by the Gardening Club including the Tean Valley Meadows and Turn Education.

Special thanks go out to the Tuesday Art and Crafts Social Club for the colourful bunting which was used to decorate the hall - it gives the hall a lovely summery feel. Thanks also to David and Karen Moore for providing the musical entertainment with a cameo appearance from Craig Harrison at the Indoor Picnic.

Early July saw the arrival of the new front door and replacement Fire Door. The money raised from the Indoor Picnic has helped fund the new doors, along with a donation from the Rural Parish Council and existing funds left over from the Covid Grant.

What is in the pipeline?

Summer heralds more improvement work scheduled during our quietest period to reduce impact on the regular users of the Hall.

The Village Hall will be closed from Tuesday 6th August until 16th August whilst scheduled work to put in an emergency pathway around the village hall from the fire escape including steps up to the car park (meeting Point) is carried out. This will also have emergency lighting; all this work has been mainly funded by a grant from East Staffordshire Borough Council - for which we are very grateful.

We are working with a Staffordshire University student to improve our website and social media presence. Meanwhile, keep an eye out on 'Stramshall Village Hall', 'Stramshall ACE' and 'Stramshall, Spath and Hollington Community Group' Facebook pages for weekly updates.

This coming September on Thursday evenings we are hoping to see a new Yoga Class starting, if this is of interest to you, please contact Lorraine on 07467028903 for more details.



Upcoming Events

Every Thursday **Coffee Morning** **10:45am - 12:45pm**

If you haven't made it along yet: it's all FREE! Tea/coffee/biscuits - there are plenty of people to chat with and we have table games and jigsaws as well as children's toys. We have also introduced a theme every few weeks - ideas in hand are a visit from our local library, coffee connect.

19th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning. Ladies from the Thursday morning exercise class are baking cakes so come along with a small donation and support the cause.

Last weekend in October - Stramshall ACE are organising some spooky Halloween activities for children: watch out for the leaflet coming through your door in the next few weeks!

If you have any ideas for 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.