



ROCK VILLAGE HALL

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Welcome to issue 7 of Rock Village Hall Newsletter, thank you to those who have signed up to receive the newsletter and please continue to inform your neighbours and friends of how to sign up to the mailing list so we can continue to use it as a form of communication to the local community. Email rvhcoordinators@gmail.com to join.

Rock Village Hall News.

Energy Efficiency Updates

The hall closed for a week in January to allow work to be completed to improve the energy efficiency of the hall. Work included replacing all lights with LED lights, installation of 2 destratification fans and servicing of all external doors which included seals and pivots being replaced to get close the gaps that had appeared over the years between the doors and the frames. The door work and destratification fans will ensure the hall remains warm and reduced the need for the heating to be set high and the lights will see a significant reduction in energy usage— we now only need one strip of lights on to provide a significant amount of light in the hall, so please only use the lights that you need. We were lucky to be considered for a grant from Worcester County Council who have paid 75% of the cost for the new lights and fans—thank you, we greatly appreciate the help in improving the energy efficiency of the hall.

Your New Committee

Since the last newsletter, we have had some changes to the Village Hall Committee, Barry Merchant has stepped down as Treasurer, Dave Griffiths has stepped down as Chair and Richard Hall has stepped down as Secretary. Our Treasurer is now Matthew White, Kelly Rodriguez is now Secretary and Thomas Dutson has stepped up as Chair. Barry, Dave and Richard have remained on the committee and continue to guide us all in the running of the hall. A massive thank you to Dave, Barry and Richard who have been in their roles for many years and have given so much to the hall and the community.

Fundraising

We've raised an absolutely fantastic £10,000 for play area improvements, we are now finalising quotes so we can look at what grants are available and hope to start the improvements ready for the summer. Initially we will be starting off by adding a trim trail and looking at the possibility of improving the flooring (depending on the grants available) and also adding some more picnic benches.

For 2025 all proceeds from events will be going towards the essential maintenance and improvements required to keep our village hall in absolutely tip-top condition for our local community. The hall is nearly 18 years old now and we have found over the last few years that the age is starting to show. We have recently completed essential drainage works, had a hall repaint at the beginning of last year, started work on repairing the pond including developing the new garden area and have a list of work that needs to be completed over the next few years. Where ever possible voluntary time is put in to these works to keep costs low—such as the pond and garden works, however we need to be mindful that some of the jobs are large and will be costly— including a new roof in the next 5-10 years and a new driveway/carpark. We are also looking at upgrading the outside electrics for hirers, resurfacing the slope to the kitchen and grass area to the kitchen slope, and completing the work on the pond and regrouting the patio. We have just ordered a new oven for the kitchen too which has been wanted for many years!

What's Been On?

Christmas Party

A big thank you to Fran for once again putting on the fantastic Children's Christmas party back in December. The turnout was fantastic with many children coming to see Santa as well as enjoying some food, party games and craft which was provided by Rainbow Books. Thank you to all who helped set up and clear up the party.

Over 60s Christmas Afternoon Tea

Over 60's Christmas Afternoon Tea was once again a thoroughly enjoyed afternoon, where locals came to enjoy a festive afternoon tea, bingo and get together! Thank you to Sue for organising and running this free event which was held again due to popular demand! Thank you to all who helped set up and clear up too!

Festive Family Event

New committee members bring new ideas, Matthew brought the festive family event! There were some changes in the beginning when navigating how the event would work, but the main objective was to bring the community together for an afternoon of fun and festivities and didn't he bring us that! Over 130 people gathered into the Christmassy hall to listen to some live music by Dan Greenaway, the Rock Warblers and to sing Christmas Carols, then finished off with a beautiful reading by Vicar Sallie. Festive food was sold by Steph and her team of coffee morning helpers and mulled wine and hot chocolate was available too. Feedback was incredibly positive and we hope to make this an annual event for the community. Thank you to Matt for organising this event, to all who contributed to the afternoon by setting up, selling refreshments and clearing away.

Quiz Night

We started 2025 off with a quiz night on 31st January, hosted by Jay Adkins. It was a great turnout with a fantastic 18 teams turning up to test their knowledge and have a good evening! Thank you to Jay Adkins for hosting the quiz for us and to everyone who ventured out on the cold evening! Well done to the winners and thank you to them as they donated their cash winnings back to the Hall!

Community Coffee Morning

Community Coffee Morning was welcomed back in February and despite the weather being awful there was a good turn out. Steph and her team were busy in the kitchen serving up fresh cakes, hot drinks, bacon baps and this time Sausage baps too! This year coffee morning will run more regularly, check out our Facebook page and the website for dates. We are also looking into bringing something different to coffee mornings, starting off in April where we will have Graham Haw from Forestry England coming to talk to us about the introduction of beavers, deer and dormice in the Wyre Forest, there will be a activity table for children too, so come along and join us! If you have anything you'd like to see at coffee mornings such as something crafty, learning a new skill etc then please let Steph know—we'd love to hear from you!

Future Events

All live music nights for 2025 will be charged at £10 each + 50p booking fee when brought online, £10 when pre brought from Fran Cratchley or on the door price of £12.50 each. Under 16s are free. This year we will be doing all live music nights at the same price. The cost of bands varies and by standardising prices we can ensure we do not have to charge excessive for any music night.

Community Coffee Morning. Saturday 15th March, Saturday 12th April and Saturday 10th May

Join us for community coffee mornings run by Steph and her team of volunteers, 10.30am-12noon. There will be hot drinks, cake, bacon and sausage baps! Please pre-order your cobs with Step on 07895 623048. We are looking into bringing something different to coffee mornings, starting off in April where we will have Graham Haw from Forestry England coming to talk to us about the introduction of beavers, deer and dormice in the Wyre Forest, there will be a activity table for children too, so come along and join us! If you have anything you'd like to see at coffee mornings such as something crafty, learning a new skill etc then please let Steph know—we'd love to hear from you!

Live Music Night—Autumn. Saturday 15th March.

Doors open at 7.30pm. Starts at 8.00pm.

Autumn will be kickstarting the 2025 live music nights performing classic covers including; The Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, The Who, UB40, The Rolling Stones and much more! There will be a licensed bar available.

Tickets available on our [website](#), from Fran Cratchley or on the door.

Quiz Night. Friday 4th April.

Starts 7.30pm.

Traditional pen/paper quiz hosted by Dave Merchant. Teams of up to six people and only

£2.50 per person - bookable [online](#) by Thursday 3rd April or pay on the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Easter Bingo. Friday 11th April

Doors Open 7.30pm, First Call 8.00pm

Pay on the door. Fantastic prizes to be won, a raffle and a cash prize round! Light refreshments will be available.

Bring your own drinks and glasses. For prize donations please contact Sue Hopkins - 07816 490400

Live Music Night—The River Rea Duo. Saturday 12th April.

Doors open at 7.30pm. Starts at 8.00pm .

Join us for an evening with the River Rea Duo, playing tributes to ska, soul, rock n roll, funk, reggae and modern.

Licensed bar available. Tickets available on our website, from Fran Cratchley or on the door.

Live Music Night—Slyde. Saturday 10th May.

Doors open at 7.30pm. Starts at 8.00pm.

Dig out your glad rags and sparkles for a fantastic night in the 1970's with Slyde. Fancy dress recommended!

Licensed Bar available. Tickets available on our website, from Fran Cratchley or on the door.

GARDENING WORKING PARTY

Saturday 15th March & Sunday 16th March

Please could you spare an hour to help?

**We are holding a working party to tidy up the grounds of the hall
and get ready for the spring!**

Starting Saturday 15th March at 10.30am

Jobs include:

**Jetwashing, fitting a speed ramp, laying some slabs and general
gardening.**

**If you are able to help then please get in touch with Emma
rvhcoordinators@gmail.com or 07774 262988. Please bring any
gardening tools you think will be of use and as a thank you from
us for your help a bacon bap and hot drink will be on us at the
community coffee morning.**



Playground Improvement Fundraising

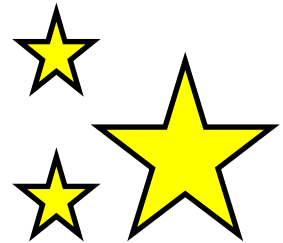
We are continuing to fundraise for our playground improvements, to date we have raised a fantastic

£10,000 .00

Thank you!



Star Volunteer



* Adrian and Mary Reid *

Adrian and Mary have recently joined the events team and have thoroughly got stuck in! They have brought new suggestions to the table for events—arranging the beavers, deer and dormice talk for community coffee morning and looking into skittles events for the community. They have also took on the raffle for Rock Show as well as going out of their way to help set up and clear up for events where ever possible. They are valuable members of the team and we are glad to have them!

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