

ROCK VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER



December 2023/Issue 2

Welcome to the second issue of the 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.

September 30th was the end of the financial year for Rock Village Hall and looking back it's been a very successful year. We have put on a record number of events for the community and appreciate your support at these which gives the team confidence to try new things and different formats.

This coming year we intend to add more activity apparatus to the children's play area and will be seeking your opinions. Proceeds from our future events will fund this so please join us and if possible, bring along friends and neighbours.

With more events we need more support so if you can spare a few hours to help us maintain the village hall and Millenium green, sell raffle tickets and clear up after events it would be appreciated.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year from all of us at Rock Village Hall.

David Griffiths, RVH chairman.

Rock Village Hall News.

Electricity Costs.

Last year was a very expensive year with regards to electricity, despite our solar panels and ground source heating system. The committee have formed a sub group to explore ways for us to reduce the village hall electricity consumption and costs and are still continuing to look at options. With the colder months now upon us, it is time for the ground source heating to be switched back on and we have already seen a dramatic increase in our electricity bill for November following switching the heating back on. We have been made aware that several groups have to open the doors and windows due to the temperature being too warm and have therefore decreased the temperature slightly. We will be leaving the temperature at a comfortable setting which should be adequate for all users. Please ensure the doors from the corridor to the hall are kept open as the majority of pipes run under the corridor floor – therefore a lot of heat gathers in the corridor and kitchen/bar area. By leaving the doors open this will allow for the heat to be more even throughout the corridor and main hall.

Our Community Can project.

We are working with 'Our Community Can' which aims to support people across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, particularly those living in rural communities. This is done by providing more opportunities that bring people together to help to reduce social isolation and loneliness. If you would like to be involved in providing this support or have any suggestions on how the Village Hall can support our local community then please do get in touch.

Regular Groups at RVH.

We have many regular groups at the hall which we hope will be of interest to many of the community. Please take a look at our 'regular events' section on the website to see what is available. Regular groups include; bridge club, dance fest, short mat bowls, pilates, yoga, toddler stay and play, community choir and the newly named craft café – see page 5 for more information. If you have neighbours or family who don't access the internet then please help to spread the word regarding these groups.

What's Been On?

Community Coffee Morning. Saturday 14th October.

Our community coffee mornings have increased in popularity over the last year with the bacon baps becoming a firm favourite! We saw many locals at our October coffee morning and feedback has been positive – community coffee mornings will return in 2024.

Michael Buble Tribute Night. Saturday 14th October.

Steve Maitland brought us another fantastic evening of Michael Buble classics along with some 80s hits too! Thank you to Fran Cratchley for organising and all those who helped to run the evening.

Rock Village Hall Quiz Night. Friday 20th October.

Rock Village Hall quiz took place on the evening of Friday 20th October 2023. Despite the torrential rain during the day fifteen teams of four turned out to compete. There were 10 rounds of ten questions covering a multitude of topics from science and technology to popular music. The last round was a 'Wipeout Round', where one incorrect answer lost the team all of the points for that particular round, but every correct answer scored double with no obligation to answer every question. This had a significant effect on the final outcome of the quiz. Scoring had been fairly close throughout the competition and so getting a good score in the wipeout round was crucial. In the end the winners were the team with the best risk aversion strategy, since 14 of the 15 teams wiped out and scored nothing. The winners were 'The DB's' with 'Mash' coming second, and the 'Junior Trotters' taking the wooden spoon. Everybody appeared enjoyed themselves and the entry money and raffle raised £269 towards the Children's Christmas party. A big thank you to all who supported the event and the team that ran it; Dave Merchant (Quiz Master), Sally and Robert Blowing (Entries), Len and Maureen Pitman (Marking), Sue Merchant and Steph Morrison (Raffle and Answer Collection).

Children's Halloween Party.

Numbers were low for this year's Halloween party, however the children who did attend had a fun time playing party games, doing some Halloween crafts, parachute games and of course enjoying a yummy buffet! Thank you to those who came, to Fran Cratchley for organising and Sue Hopkins for helping Fran on the day.



Rock Bingo Night. Friday 24th November.

Around 40 people filled the village hall for our Rock Bingo Night, raising a fantastic £381.00 for the Children's Christmas Party. Thank you to all supported this evening! Thank you to Celia and Dave for calling for us again, Vicky Tramontana for running around the hall and selling raffle tickets, Sue for serving tea and coffees and Fran and Sue for organising.

Christmas Fair. Saturday 25th November.

We kicked off this year's Christmas celebrations with our Christmas Fair, with 25 local businesses filling the hall with a variety of items including Usbourne books, a local author selling her newly published children's book, gin, cakes, Christmas decorations, handmade children's clothing and much more! Many came and enjoyed a browse of the stalls followed by a mulled wine and mince pie. We had many donations of some beautiful raffle prizes and overall a lovely, festive afternoon. Thank you to all who supported the afternoon – we raised a fantastic £467.00 which will go towards the improvements of the children's play area.



Future Events.

Children's Christmas Party. Saturday 16th December.

Our annual children's Christmas party will be held 2.30pm-5.30pm on Saturday 16th December. This is a free event for village children and grandchildren of Rock Parish. There will be food, entertainment and of course, a visit from Santa! Please book a space for the party with Fran Cratchley 07527 541400 by Wednesday 6th December.

Innocent Criminals Live Music Night. Saturday 23rd December.

Come and join us for a Christmas Celebration on Saturday 23rd December! Innocent Criminals are a popular Shropshire based band bringing all the hits from the 60s to the present day! There will be a licensed bar and tickets are available from Fran Cratchley 07527 541400 or at Rock Cross Inn Bar or on the door on the evening.

Walking Raptor and Animal Man Show. Wednesday 14th February 2024.

Following the hugely popular DWAEC animal man show at Rock Show this year, we have organised a morning of animals and dinosaurs to fill your time in the February half term! Join us on Wednesday 14th February for a fun filled hour and a half of entertainment for adults as well as children! Tickets are £5 per person – everyone will require a ticket as we have a maximum number of people allowed in the hall. Doors open at 9.45am and show starts at 10.00am. Tickets available from Emma 07774 262988.

Rock Village Hall Quiz Night. Friday 1st March 2024.

After a very successful Quiz night in November our Quiz Master has offered to host another quiz night so come along for a fun filled night, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Teams of up to 4 people and only £2.50 per person (payable on the night). Topics include music, sport, history, literature and movies etc. Prizes to be given and we will also be having a raffle!

Young Elton – The Tribute Show. Friday 15th March 2024.

Who remembers the jam packed hall in March this year with everyone keen to see Young Elton – The Tribute Show? This was the busiest show we have ever held and we even had to stop selling tickets on the evening as it was so popular! We couldn't not book again for next year however have only been able to book a Friday as Young Elton is so booked up! We are sure we will have a fantastic night again and as always will have a licensed bar. Tickets will be available from Fran Cratchley 07527 541400 or at Rock Cross Inn, tickets will be limited and we suspect they may sell out therefore tickets may be limited or unavailable on the door. Doors open 7.30pm. Start 8.00pm.

Easter Bingo. Friday

Sue will be bringing you Easter bingo after several requests for more bingo evenings throughout the year. Doors will open at 7.30 with the caller starting at 8.00pm. As always there will be great bingo prizes, a cash prize round and a raffle. Light refreshments will be provided but feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles! Any donations for prizes are gratefully received – please contact Fran 01299 832682.

Craft Café

The 'Craft Café' formerly known as 'Knit and Natter' and 'Tea, Coffee and Company' is held every Wednesday afternoon 2.00-4.00pm in the Village Hall and is run by Chris Marriott. The group meet for a chat, tea and biscuits and also try and raise money to support local charities. We are interested in any craft you'd like to come and share with us, or just come and have a hot drink and company. If you would enjoy a couple of hours in good company and a warm environment, then why not give the 'Craft Cafe' a try? We look forward to meeting you. If you have any neighbours, family or friends that you think would benefit from our group then please do pass on our details. For more information, please contact Chris Marriot on 01299 832560.

New Group for 2024!!

We have a new group coming to Rock Village Hall in early 2024 – more details to follow. The group will be a male only group focusing on mental wellbeing and providing peer support for our community. The group will be hosted in a safe space to promote wellness amongst men. Details will be posted on RVH Facebook page, our website and a leaflet drop to residents of Rock once finalised.

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Have Your Say!

We welcome your views and suggestions for future events, improvements, what you'd like to see the village hall do next.. Please email any suggestions to rvhcoordinators@gmail.com

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