

ROCK VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the first issue of the Rock Village Hall Newsletter! Our newsletters will keep you informed of recent events we have held and future events that we hope are of interest to you and your families. Please put the dates in your diaries and bring along your friends and neighbours!

The Newsletter will also give us a chance to communicate any information we feel the community would be interested in with regards to the running of your village hall. We are not frightened of criticism so if there are things that could be improved, changed or added to our busy schedule please tell us.

This will be a quarterly newsletter which will be available on the website, Facebook page and via email. To be added to the mailing list please email rvhcoordinators@gmail.com

David Griffiths, RVH chairman.

Rock Village Hall News.

Fundraising.

In the past we've been asked why we don't spend the money we have in the bank; we are very fortunate to have a healthy savings pot and strive to ensure we keep this topped up for high maintenance costs which we are expecting within the next few years. For example, the shingle roof has a limited life span and the hall is heated by ground source heating which provides the most economical way of heating the hall however we expect the pumps to require replacement in the next few years and this will come at a large cost, hence all the money we have fundraised and reserves we hold in the bank being readily available to minimise any delays in replacement.

The committee have put a lot of effort into providing regular entertainment and events for villagers in the last two years which has seen the popularity of our events rise. We try to keep the costs as minimal as we can for everyone hence our low ticket prices for live music nights, due to the rising costs we are facing we have had to raise our ticket prices slightly but are confident we are still offering a well priced evening!

The committee also hold fundraising events to help raise funds for other events such as the bingo evening to raise money for the children's Christmas party and over 60s event. We are currently trying to raise funds to improve our children's play area. Profits made from Rock Show, the Christmas Fair and coffee mornings will be added to the children's play area fund. The over 60s event will be funded by profits made from the jumble sale and bingo evening held in July, any money left over will fund two further bingo events in 2024 and will be added to the play area fund. Once we have a reasonable amount of money we will approach the community to see what the community would feel would further improve our play area and make it accessible to all.

Maintenance Support.

We are looking for support from villagers to get to know the running of our hall and help maintain the hall for the future and also help with fire alarm testing and deliberator testing. If you are able to help then please get in touch with David Griffiths – Davidcgriffiths@yahoo.co.uk

Committee Members.

We will always welcome new committee members, if you would like to be involved with your village hall then please come and speak to us about becoming a committee member! Meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at 7.30pm. If a committee is not for you, how about helping out at our events or keeping the hall and grounds tidy? – Any amount of help is greatly appreciated!

What's Been On?

Bingo Night. Friday 14th July.

A last minute bingo night was organised by Sue Hopkins with many prizes up for grabs and of course a raffle! A fantastic £181 was raised which will be put towards the over 60s event in September and any money left over will be put towards the improvements to the children's playground. Thank you to all those who supported the evening by donating prizes, helping set up or attending the evening and again thank you to Sue for organising.

Community Coffee Morning. Saturday 15th July.

Many locals turned up to the community coffee morning to enjoy a bacon bap, cake and drinks as well as getting to know their neighbours. We raised £114 which will be put towards improvements towards the children's playground. Thanks to Steph for running our coffee mornings and bringing us the bacon baps!

Jumble Sale. 19th August.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's jumble sale, we had SO MUCH up for grabs and raised a fantastic £405 which will be used to fund the over 60s event, two bingo events in 2024 and any remaining money will be donated to the improvements to the children's play area. Many thanks to Sue Hopkins for organising the event and collecting the jumble and to all who helped to run the sale.

Rock Show. 2nd September.

The sun finally came out and just in time for this year's Rock Show! The afternoon was very well attended with the car park unexpectedly overflowing and we have had fantastic feedback from many who came to enjoy an afternoon of fun for all ages! The animal man was a big hit with several adults and children getting the opportunity to hold the animals, including a tarantula, chameleon and a rather large snake or two! Children got to burn away some energy on the bouncy castle, giant slide and obstacle course and yet again we had many of our four legged friends enter into the fun dog show! As always the refreshments, bar and BBQ were popular – many thanks to New Crown Bakery, Kudos Blends Ltd and The Cake Lady for your donations of cakes.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the show in the organising, day before preparations, volunteers who ran the show, everyone who provided entertainment during the show and to all who helped tidy up. Thank you to the stall holders for attending and to everyone who generously donated raffle prizes and tombola prizes. Thank you to Woodstock Timber and Sons Ltd for buying all advertising signs and our new welcome sign which we hope will be used for many years to come!



What's Been On? Continued...

Rock Show, continued...

We raised a fantastic £2642 from the show which will be used towards the playground area!

To be able to bring you Rock Show 2024 we are putting a team together to organize and run the show – if you are interested in joining please contact Emma – rvhcoordinators@gmail.com
Thank you to Kelly Rodriguez and Emma Moore for organising the show this year!

Don't Stop the 80s Live Music Night. 2nd September.

Last year several people requested a music event after Rock Show, so this year we had 'Don't Stop the 80's' live music band bringing you an evening of entertainment! The evening was a success and again well attended and we saw some fantastic 80's outfits! Thank you to Fran Cratchley and Sue Hopkins for running the evening!

Over 60s Afternoon Tea. 16th September.

The over 60's afternoon tea proved to be another popular event with around 30 locals coming along to enjoy this free event. Everyone had a lovely afternoon with the tea and coffee flowing, followed by a large buffet and cakes and scones. Bingo was enjoyed by all with hampers given to the lucky winners!

Thank you once again to Celia for being our bingo caller, Fran Cratchley and Susan Hopkins for organising and running the event and to all those who helped clean up after.

Wedding Fair. 17th September.

We haven't held our own wedding fair for a very long time and after several suggestions we decided to hold one. We had a wide range of exhibitors attend including; a bar service, room dressers, wedding planners and coordinators, cake and desert baker, bridal hairdresser, sustainable wedding planner, florist, DJ, photographer, celebrant and outdoor garden games and mini golf hirer! We were lucky to see the hall dressed and even had a ceremony room set up in the upstairs room which looked amazing! We love how the hall can be decorated and used in such a vast amount of ways – it really can suit so many themes and layouts! The day was very well attended and we even had 3 happy couples book their big day for 2025- congratulations to them and happy planning!



Future Events.

Community Coffee Morning. Saturday 14th October. 10.30am-12.00noon.

Join us for another community coffee morning, our popular bacon baps will be making an appearance again as well as cake and hot drinks! Please contact Steph on 07895 623048 to pre order bacon baps. There will also be a jigsaw; swap bring along your old jigsaws and swap for another jigsaw for a small donation.

Michael Buble Tribute Band. Saturday 14th October. Doors Open 7.00pm. Starts 8.00pm.

Michael Buble tribute artist Steve Maitland is back at RVH again after a fantastic evening last year! He will be back with some Buble classics as well as some 80's hits too! As always we will have a licensed bar. Tickets are £7 and are available from Fran Cratchley 07527 541400 or at Rock Cross Inn Bar or on the door on the evening.

Village Hall Quiz Night. Friday 20th October.

Our popular quiz night will be back in October with all proceeds raised going towards the children's Christmas Party. Do come along for a fun filled night, bring your own drinks and nibbles and 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!

Children's Halloween Party. Sunday 29th October.

Our children's Halloween Party will be held on Sunday 29th October 2.30pm-4.30pm. The party is free for the children and grandchildren of Rock Parish. There will be food, party games and prize for the best fancy dress! Please book a space for the party with Fran Cratchley 07527 541400 by Sunday 22nd October.

Rock Bingo Night. Friday 24th November. Doors Open 7.00pm. Starts 8.00pm

Come and join us for an evening of bingo and help to raise money for the children's Christmas party. There will be some fantastic prizes up for grabs and tea and biscuits will be served at half time but feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles!

Christmas Fair. Saturday 25th November.

Come and join us at our Christmas fair which will be running again after last years popular fair. We will have a selection of stalls selling a variety of gifts and items from local, small businesses – perfect to make a start on your Christmas shopping! There will also be food and drink available including Steph's bacon baps and mulled wine and cider from Dutson's Bar.

AGM. Friday 1st December.

We will be holding our AGM on Friday 1st December this year, doors open from 7.00pm with a 7.30pm start. Refreshments will be provided. Please come along to support the hall. We will need to have nominations for the future committee, so support is essential for your committee to continue. Please bring along any suggestions come a long to hear how we have done this year and take the opportunity to have your say.

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.

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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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