



ROCK VILLAGE HALL

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Welcome to issue 8 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.

Play Area

Thanks to all the community support and continued efforts of all who have helped fundraise. We have now raised an absolutely fantastic £10,000 for play area improvements and the Village Hall Committee have covered the rest of the cost. As you may have seen we were lucky enough to get an early date for the build and the new play area is now open! Over the coming months we will be adding a couple more picnic benches for all to enjoy. We hope everyone enjoys the new addition!



Rock Village Hall News Continued

Village Hall Maintenance

The Village Hall is 18 years old and has hit an age where maintenance and improvement works are unavoidable; wherever possible the committee members will do as much work on a voluntary basis. However, despite this support, in the last couple of months we have had to spend a significant amount of money on work such as the drainage works, external door servicing, the light improvements plus smaller jobs. There are also several more jobs which are deemed priority to complete: heating repairs, patio repairs and sealing, as well as larger costly jobs we are expecting over the next few years such as roof replacement and driveway improvements. Therefore, further spending will be necessary in the near future. We currently have approximately £10,000 in savings towards these big maintenance jobs. The rest of the money in the bank is already committed to annual running costs (approximately £40,000 per year), refundable deposits and hire charges that we can't class as income until they have taken place. This is why our wedding bookings are essential to the survival of the hall.

We are currently reviewing our finances to ensure we can continue to fund maintenance and the day to day running of the hall and to be the local hub for the community and continue to provide the events we do, as this is our top priority. If anyone from the community is willing to spare the odd hour in helping us to maintain the hall then please get in touch—your help is much needed and will be much appreciated.

Rock Villager Weekends

Over the last year we have seen a drop in the use of the hall during Rock Villager weekends, only having two bookings in the last 12 months. Rock Villager weekends will continue throughout the year, however we have decided to open up Sundays for small party bookings for the general public in order to maintain a steady income. Rock Villagers will still take priority but please book early to avoid disappointment! Remember if you live in the village you are entitled to a considerable discount on hire! We'd love to see more events held by the local community, after all that's who we are here for!

Events

Our events team are doing a great job at organising events for the community, with many plans for the rest of the year including some of the usuals along with a few different events. Following review of the hall finances, it has been agreed that we will fundraise for future community events to ensure we can continue to provide entertainment for all ages and make them accessible for all. As a thank you to the community for your continued support we are holding Rock BBQ on Saturday 14th June which is FREE entry, with food, drink, garden games and a skittles competition. Food and drink will be available to buy for a minimal charge.

Of late, we have struggled to cover the cost of our live music nights due to low ticket sales. We have varied the entertainment, following requests for more variety and received fantastic feedback from those who attended the all music nights this year and have already booked The River Rea Duo for March next year! Despite this positive loss, we are still seeing low numbers and we'd welcome your feedback on how to encourage more to attend.

Burglary

Unfortunately the Village Hall has been subject to a break in in recent weeks, little was taken but some damage was caused and the incident has been reported to the Police. We were very saddened to see this as a lot of voluntary effort is put in to keeping the Village Hall running for the community and it is disheartening to see this happen. We have tightened security since this incident and will shortly have installed CCTV for extra security which will cover areas both inside and outside of the property. Footage will only be used when required in line with our GDPR policy.

What's Been On?

Community Coffee Mornings, February, March, April and May.

Thanks to Steph and her team of community coffee morning volunteers we have increased the amount of coffee mornings held after seeing their popularity grow over the last year. This year we've introduced sausage baps which, like the bacon baps are going down well! Thanks to Lynn the Cake Lady who continues to donate cakes for our mornings—they are much enjoyed and we appreciate your continued support! The Events team were keen to try and bring something extra to coffee mornings and we experimented with a free talk from Forestry England about beavers, deer and dormice in the Wyre Forest, the talk was very informative and there was an interactive section where we got the chance to make dormice boxes. Feedback from the talk was very positive with all who attended enjoying the talk, many thanks to Graham from Forestry England for visiting us! We will make a few changes to the running times of the talks to ensure everyone can make their purchases before the talk starts. If you have any suggestions for future talks, demonstrations or activities that could run alongside coffee mornings then please get in touch with Emma or Steph.

Live Music Night, Autumn—March

Ticket sales were slow for Autumn, however feedback from the evening was fantastic! Despite the room not being as full as usual everyone had a great night and Autumn proved to be a hit for the those attending! Thanks to Fran for organising the evening and Sue for her help too.

Quiz Night—April

After many requests we held another quiz night in April, hosted by Dave Merchant. There were ten rounds in all. 1, Picture round—name the Country from the outline. 2, Alphanumeric. 3, Sport. 4, Science and technology. 5, Music round—hit parade. 6, Picture round—influential women of the 20th Century. 7, History. 8, Film and television. 9, Music round—music from the musicals. 10, Double or quits. There was a joker which could be played on all the rounds except the Picture and Double or quits round; which had significant effect on the final result. Scoring throughout was pretty close. But in the end, it was, 'So Long, Farewell' rather than 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' for most teams; who wipes out on the double or quits round question, "For which 1964 musical blockbuster did Julie Andrews win the Academy Award for Best Actress"? (It was Mary Poppins not the Sound of Music). The eventual winners were Forest Folk (93pts), with runners up, Can I have a P please (85pts). Everyone appeared to enjoy the evening, once again a big thanks to the helpers on the evening and to all teams taking part in the quiz. Hope to see you all again at the next one which will be held in October.

Easter Bingo

As usual Easter bingo was a much loved evening with prizes galore for line and house winners and raffle winners! Once again we pass on our thanks to Celia Smith for being our fabulous bingo caller and to Sue Hopkins who continues to put 100% effort into the organisation and running of the evening so all can have a great night!

River Rea Duo

The River Rea Duo—what an evening of entertainment! Two men with their entertaining charm, variety of instruments and fantastic singing voices gave us a night of music from many genres and from many different years, really making this a fantastic night for all ages! Ticket sales were low, however every person who attended had a brilliant night, with everyone getting up on the dance floor throughout the show! Thank you to Matt White for finding us the duo and to all who supported the evening.

Slyde

Slyde have been a popular band in Rock for a couple of years and were excited to come back to see the villagers dressed to impress with their 1970's glam rock glad rags. Once again they did not disappoint and all had a fantastic evening. Thank you to Fran Cratchley for organising and all who helped to support the evening.

Future Events

Rock BBQ

Saturday 14th June. 4pm—8pm.

Join us for Rock BBQ, we have planned an afternoon/early evening of fun for all the community with garden games, a skittles competition, a bar and BBQ. Free entry
With food available to buy for a minimal charge.

Please book a ticket online or let Fran Cratchley know
You are attending so we have a rough idea of numbers.

Hope to see you there!



Rock BBQ

**Saturday 14th June
4pm - 8pm**



BBQ 4-6pm Licensed Bar *Skittles *Garden Games*



Everyone is welcome to this community family event, but please book a ticket so we can have an idea of numbers - scan the QR code to book a free ticket or let Fran Cratchley know.

FREE ENTRY

Food and drink available to buy.

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ROCK SHOW

**Saturday 30th August
12pm - 4pm**

Rock Village Hall, Porchbrook Road, Rock. DY14 9SD

FREE ENTRY

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

- animal man •
- vintage cars & tractors •
- bouncy castle & giant slides •
- fun dog show •
- local business stalls •
- raffle & tombola •
- food & drink •
- & more! •

Please see www.rockvillagehall.co.uk for more details including dog show programme

Rock Show

Saturday 30th August. 12 noon—4.00pm

Rock Show will be back for another afternoon of jam packed fun and entertainment for all ages of our community! Preparations are now well underway thanks to a team of volunteers kindly agreeing to help to organise the show.

So far we have the animal man booked who will do a show and meet the animals, music, local business stalls for some shopping opportunities, giant trampolines, the usual inflatables including a giant slide, bouncy castle and more—these will be on a wristband entry to provide best value for money for the show. We also have food and drink available, fete games and vintage cars and tractors.

Thank you for the offers of help we have received to date—the show couldn't go on without you! If you can spare an hour to help during set up, during the show or tidy up please get in touch.



*** Lynn Morris***

Lynn has been awarded Star Volunteer for this quarter after being nominated due to her continuous support to the Village Hall and the Community by supporting our Community Coffee Mornings as well as other events by supplying us with many many homemade cakes! Without Lynns generous donations coffee mornings wouldn't be as successful or as tasty as they are. If you'd like to purchase homemade cakes off Lynn then please get in touch with her 07811 895926—we can definitely recommend her!

Thank you Lynn!

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