

East Woodhay Village Hall

April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Village Hall User,

We continue to be grateful for your support for this fantastic Hall that is available for the benefit of the whole community.

March and April have been busy months and, in keeping with the spirit of Spring, green shoots of hope and progress are growing.

1. Community Open Day - We were thrilled with the turnout for the Community Open Day and we have received a lot of positive feedback. The buzz in the room was palpable and some new groups and classes have received something of a kickstart as a result of the event.







- 2. Hall Website We have created a new Hall website at www.ewvh.org We will keep this up to date with new events, offers and forthcoming classes/services. This web site is focussed on the Hall and does not replace the established excellent community websites. We do have space to add a link to your group's website if that is something that you would like us to do. Please take a look and let us know how we can make it better.
- 3. Forthcoming Events and New Users
 - The Hall team will again provide a stand at the next Woolton Hill Village Market. Please come along for a chat (and perhaps a free chocolate).
 - From 1st May, A new long-term personal well-being service at the Hall will also be offered by Square One Physiotherapy.
 - The 'Newbury Dancers' team is starting to run Latin and Ballroom Dance classes from 9th May. Details are on the website keep dancing!



- 4. Finances The financial situation is still a concern but improving. General bookings are growing and we have attracted some medium and long term hirers that will greatly benefit the community and the finances.
- 5. The Meeting Room We are sure that you have noticed the much improved decor in the meeting room; we have certainly received a lot of positive feedback. Use of the Meeting Room will be limited in the coming months. In the medium term, half of the Room may be available by special arrangement but this will need to be coordinated on a case by case basis. If you believe that you would like to book this Room, please let us know as soon as possible.
- 100 Club Unfortunately, owing to poor take-up, we have closed the 100 Club. The Committee would like to offer our sincere thanks to those members of the Community that supported this Club from the outset.
- 7. Maintenance We are finalising arrangements for a number of different maintenance activities and improvements to the fabric of the Hall and Car Park. Do let us know if you can suggest an area that needs to be considered for improvement or if you or your groups can help provide some improvements themselves. (Community Spring cleaning/gardening anyone?)
- 8. Free Wedding Reception Venue The team continues to market the hall for the use of couples looking to host their wedding reception in our beautiful North Wessex national landscape! Our next goal is to take some great pictures of the hall decorated for a wedding, so that we can produce marketing materials. If you are able to lend us decorations or know of a couple looking for a 2024 venue, (we would like to offer it to them free of charge in return for photographs) please do get in touch.

As I hope that you can see, the future of Hall is looking brighter, better maintained and more popular!

With thanks,

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