

Village Hall report 2021-2022

It was a great relief to re-open the Village Hall on May 22nd 2021 following its transformation into a warm and well insulated venue for activities and events, and it now has the added benefit of WiFi due to the efforts of Linda.

Before too long the hearing loop and new speaker system will be installed. Derryn has been the driving force behind this and has also secured grants to help with this project which will greatly improve the experience for those with hearing difficulties.

In December the hall hosted a Jazz evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there though the usual Ploughman's Lunch was cancelled due to the worry of infection.

A wine and Cheese evening was organised by Derryn and David at the end of January. it was a huge success and something which we may include in our activities again.

In March we hosted John Hegley the performance poet-the previous booking in February having had to be cancelled as John had Covid.

On April 23rd we at last had our much enjoyed Quiz Night again. With Andy in charge of the quiz questions it was an enjoyable and challenging evening with the hot food provided by Cheryl and the puddings from a number of ladies in the village.

Although some events have had to be cancelled due to surges of Covid infections it has been well-used during this year.

The exercise class, pilates, tap and the Filgroup have all been welcomed back. Thursday Coffee mornings resumed in July and Valley choir in September. Moon's Massage Retreat continues with their monthly Monday of meditation sessions and lunch.

There have been new activities in the hall this year.

On Saturday mornings Cheryl Holloway has begun cooking breakfasts, which are enormously popular and extremely good! She has also started an Open Door morning on Tuesdays which now incorporates the craft club and is open to everyone to chose an activity; play card games, join in a board game, draw, paint or just come in for a coffee or tea and a chat. Lunch is also available at a very good price.

Lizzie Heavenor has returned with her Sunday Yoga sessions and Rick Haynes has started a Creative writing Group which meets every other Wednesday in the late afternoon.

The hall continues to be booked for parties and also as a rehearsal venues

Outside the hall Beryl has been looking after the plants in the troughs and the right hand trough now has Heuchra in it, an evergreen perennial which doesn't mind the shade. The banks both sides now have a range of plants and they are all doing well. Most of the stumps have now been removed though some are still resisting!

The committee would like to thank Jacquie Maggs for keeping the hall clean for all to use and I would like to thank the committee for all their much needed support this year and their positive response for help in the running of hall activities.