

WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL FOUNDATION (CIO) (Charity No. 1193439)

WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL GRAND REOPENING EVENT – Friday, 6 September 2024

WOW! What a wonderful day we had. The sun shone down on us and scores of people turned out to celebrate our Grand Reopening.

We now have a “new look” Village Hall which will provide a wonderful centre for the community for the next generation and more.



We were delighted to welcome around 200 people throughout the morning and these included John Preston representing Halls Together, ACRE and DEFRA who awarded us the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Grant and Adrian Warwick from Wolvey Parish Council which also granted us funding towards the project. Angie Gavin, Warwickshire Police Community Support Officer also visited and chatted with members of the community as did Wendy Leach and Mary Lee representing WRCC Warm Hubs. Wendy was wearing two hats as she is also Secretary to the Village Hall. We were pleased to welcome back Barbara Jones with Mini Explorers, after the summer break and Hall closure, which is always well received by the pre-schoolers and their carers.

The Memorial Board has been repositioned to where it is better framed and is awaiting a couple of amendments and additions that have been notified to us, which the History Group have generously offered to organise.

We raised just over £1,000 in donations, which is absolutely AMAZING – what a fantastically generous community we have, thank you so much. This will be put towards purchasing new stage curtains, window dressings and furniture.



All this could not have been done without the massive contribution of all the volunteers who helped from start to finish in so many different respects, with their skills, time, experience, advice, hard work and endless enthusiasm, and in particular Craig, our Chair, who project managed the works and succeeded in getting the Hall OPEN ON TIME! No mean feat on such a large building of over 100 years old. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED!

A selection of refurbishment progress photos and from the Grand Reopening Day can be found on our website under “News” along with photos from the Garden and Craft Show.

The Hall has already been busy with bookings. We have welcomed a birthday party, a Pullerz Onam celebration and the Tricyclists annual race meet, on top of our regular hirers returning. Up to date details of the group/clubs being held at the Hall can be found at our website under “Clubs”. Also follow us on Facebook where we are putting regular updates of “What’s On”.

To find out how to book our Hall or start a new club, class or group, please see the contact details at the bottom of this article.

DEFRA VISIT

As mentioned above we received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant through DEFRA and on Tuesday, 17 September we welcomed a delegation from this organisation to come and view the Hall and its improvements. Craig, Chair of Wolvey Village Hall, accepted a plaque on behalf of the Committee which will be displayed on the building along with the plaque from Veolia.



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Our regular, first Friday of the month, Coffee Mornings will return to the Village Hall. The next one will be held on 4 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm and funds raised will be shared with Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone welcome, free entry but donations gratefully received.

3RD ANNUAL GARDEN AND PRODUCE SHOW

This was held on Sunday, 15 September. This year was a difficult year to produce good fruit and veg due to the poor weather and we thought the number of entries may be lower than last year, but it was extremely well attended with 85 people entering and hundreds of wonderful and imaginative exhibits being submitted. Again, our community was extremely generous with £1,323.71 donated on the day. Again, all money raised will go to our furnishing and furniture fund.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

LIVE BAND, OFF THE CUFF will be performing for us once again on Saturday, 18 November. Doors open at 7.00pm and entry is by ticket only. Tickets will be £10 per person and will be available to purchase in advance in the next couple of weeks (follow our Facebook page for further details).

AND FINALLY ...

We say farewell to Bob Hilliard, who will be leaving the Village Hall Management Committee at the end of September. He joined the Committee in 2019 as Treasurer and was instrumental in converting us to a CIO when he became a Trustee. We thank him for all his hard work over the last 5 years. On top of managing the bookings calendar and a multitude of other things, he has brought us up to date with modern technology at the Hall. Getting us online with bank accounts, emails, bookings, website and Facebook so our presence can be seen by more people. He has always been readily available to show people round the Hall or resolve any issues that arise. We wish you all the best. Enjoy your travels, Bob!

ROOM HIRE AND EVENTS

If you would like to book a single event or regular slot in one of our beautifully refurbished rooms, visit our website where you can view availability, hire charges and terms and conditions.

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