

Abbots Morton Village Hall

Spring Newsletter

March 2019

Let There Be (more efficient) Light

The Village Hall Management Committee is planning to upgrade the lighting throughout the hall by installing energy-efficient LED lights.

The project, which we're calling Eco-Lighting, will cost in the region of £3,000 but will produce long-lasting benefits to the hall and to the environment in a much-reduced use of electricity.

The committee is making a bid for £1,359 of New Homes Bonus money, currently lodged with Abbots Morton Parish Council and available for use on projects which will benefit the community.

To win our bid, we need to show that the community is in favour of our project. If you agree with it, we'd be very grateful if you would please send an e-mail, expressing your support, to either our Chair, Melanie Clarke, at bettsphysio@btconnect.com, or to our Secretary, Lynne Pemberton, at colinlynepemberton@supanet.com

The Parish Council will also be sending out a leaflet asking for comments on our bid or for any other suggestions on how to use the New Homes Bonus money. We hope you will support our bid.

Our two District Councillors, Audrey Steel and David Wilkinson, have already given their support. The village hall committee will also be seeking some grant aid from the Parish Council, as well as spending a substantial amount from the hall's own funds to make the project happen.

We need your support

If you want to know more, or have any questions about the Eco-Lighting project, please contact Melanie on 07887 800401 or Lynne on 07766 524833

Come to the AGM



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AGM

What better way to support us than by coming to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 14th.

It starts at 7pm and there'll be a complimentary glass of wine available for everyone attending. Come and hear how well the hall has been doing in the past year and what plans there are for the year ahead.

If you would like to take part in running the hall, please come along and offer yourself for election to the committee. We'd be delighted to welcome you. The committee of Trustees meets once every six weeks or so in the hall. Each meeting lasts approx 90 minutes, finishing around 9pm.

If you are interested and have any questions you'd like to be answered, please contact Melanie or Lynne.

Successful Christmas Fayre



Our first Christmas Fayre on 17th November 2018 was very successful...raising £213 for the village hall and £213 for Alzheimer's Research UK. We had 14 tables of merchandise, together with a raffle. Teas, coffee and mince pies sold well and the village hall committee agreed that we will repeat the event this coming Christmas.

The date, for your diary, will be Saturday 16th November

Who's Using the Hall in 2019

We are a very "healthy" hall with Pavla's Pilates class on a Monday night, Catherine's Hatha Yoga class on Tuesday nights and Helena's JUMP ballet class for youngsters on Wednesdays. We're delighted to see return bookings from existing hirers and we extend a warm welcome to new hirers

New Bookings:

May 2019 We're pleased to be the venue for birthday parties on the 4th and 26th May

Return Bookings:

June 2019 St Peter's Church Flower Festival lunch

10th July 2019 T.L.I. Cycle Race

October 2019 St Peter's Church Harvest Supper

Hire the Hall for your event...



The hall is an ideal size for business presentations or staff training sessions such as Dudley's Coaches last month(above) . It's also ideal for family celebrations and fund-raising events. If you'd like to hire the hall these(below) are the current rates. They increase by a £1 an hour in the winter to cover extra heating costs.

		<u>Local</u>	<u>non-local</u>
SUMMER (April to end Sept)	Daytime (0900-1930)	£7.50per hour	£10 per hour
	Evening (19.30-2400)	£10 per hour	£12.50 per hour
WINTER (Oct to end March)	Daytime (0900-19.30)	£8.50 per hour	£11 per hour
	Evening (1930-24.00)	£11 per hour	£13.50 per hour

To make a booking, simply call or text the Bookings Officer, Colin, on 07766 524833 or e-mail him on colinlynnpemberton@supanet.com

EasyFundraising

If you are still about to book a holiday, don't forget that most of the travel companies are signed up with EasyFundraising. If you register with EasyFundraising you can help boost the village hall funds.

Simply go to: easyfundraising.org.uk and follow the prompts to register Abbots Morton Village Hall as the cause you wish to support. Most major retailers are signed up to EasyFundraising . They will pay a proportion of your spend to our cause once you've registered and it doesn't cost you anything. We now have 21 supporters who have raised £559. Many thanks to you all...!

Car Parking

The village hall is a great community asset, but unfortunately the car park can't be used as a public car park. We can accommodate occasional parking, as long as you check in advance with the Bookings Officer (07766 524833) or Secretary to make sure it's not being used by people hiring the hall.

We now have a substantial number of bookings for the hall and hirers are entitled to expect an empty car park.

Get in Touch

If you want to raise any question about the hall, please contact the Chair, Melanie Clarke on 07887 800401 or bettsphysio@btconnect.com or the Secretary, Lynne Pemberton (01386 792549), or any of the other Trustees who manage the hall on your behalf: Lynda Payne; Colin Pemberton, Antony Bunce, Sarah Dykes.

- *Colin Pemberton, PRO Abbots Morton Village Hall March 2019*

PS: Don't forget to e-mail us if you wish to support our Eco-Lights project on bettsphysio@btconnect.com or colinlynnepemberton@supanet.com

Many thanks.