

Abbots Morton Village Hall

Spring Newsletter

March 2020

Projector and Screen Gift



The village hall committee wish to give our sincere thanks to the family of the late Val Duck for their generous gift of a projector and large screen in memory of Val.

The family bought the equipment and installed it in the village hall on 26th February to enable a live relay of Val's funeral service from St Peter's Church. More than 100 mourners filled the church and 50 more watched in the village hall.

The family said they wished to donate both the projector and screen to the village hall for the benefit of the whole community. They will be hugely valuable assets to the hall and we are extremely grateful.

Wi-Fi up and running

The village hall's new Wi-Fi is working well. . It's free to use and is one of those essential services that we provide. If you're at an event in the hall simply locate the network "BT Wi-Fi Guest" and log in. There's no password, just click "Join" and you're connected to the world.

New Parish Council rep

Parish Councillor Martin Willingale has become the Parish Council representative on the village hall committee.

We're delighted to welcome him as a Trustee and look forward to his input.

Come to the Annual General Meeting

What better way to support the village hall than by coming to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 12th...

The AGM starts at 7pm and is open to the public to come and hear what's going on at the hall and what plans there are for the year ahead.

If you would like to be part of the team 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 around 90 minutes.

If you are interested and have any questions you'd like to be answered, please contact the Chair, Melanie Clarke on 07887 800401 or Lynne Pemberton on 01386 792549.

Who's Using the Hall in 2020...

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

New Bookings:

May 2020: Church of England Study day with the EastAvonVale group;

We're pleased to be the venue for:

- a 5th birthday party on 30th May
- a family celebration on July 25th
- a wedding reception on 26th September

Return Bookings:

March 2020: Vetimage presentation

June 2020 St Peter's Church Flower Festival lunch

18th July 2020 T.L.I. Cycle Race

Oct 2020 St Peter's Church Harvest Supper

Hire the Hall for your event...



The hall is a perfect space for a party, whether its for a 21 year old (above) or a 1 year old. It's ideal for family celebrations of all kinds and for fund-raising events.

If you'd like to hire the hall these(below) are the current rates. They reduce by £1 an hour in the summer because of reduced 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 colinlynnepemberton@supanet.com

EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile

We now have 23 Easyfundraisers who have raised a total of £669.84 ... that's an increase of £110 since this time last year.

If you shop online you can become our 24th supporter. Simply register with 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.

If you are still about to book a holiday, don't forget that most of the travel companies are signed up with Easy Fundraising.

If you buy from Amazon, click on Amazon Smile, which makes donations to a charity of your choice. You can choose Abbots Morton Village Hall and a proportion of your spend will come into the hall's account.

Notice Board - no politics please

The village hall notice board keeps you in touch with all the events at the hall and we try to keep it up to date, but it is for village hall information only. We were disappointed to find that, during the General Election campaign, a party political poster had been pinned on the board. It doesn't really matter which party it was for... but please can we keep the notice board free of politics in the future. Many thanks.

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) 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, Sarah Dykes, Pat Willingale, Martin Willingale.

- Colin Pemberton, PRO Abbots Morton Village Hall March 2020