

# Abbots Morton Village Hall

## Winter Newsletter

### February 2021 – Covid Edition 3

#### AGM

Please come and take part in this year's Annual General Meeting...without even leaving your home!

The meeting will be via Zoom on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. If you would like to "come along" please send an e-mail to our Chair Melanie Clarke at: [bettsphysio@btconnect.com](mailto:bettsphysio@btconnect.com) and she will send you the link to join the meeting.

Do come and keep yourself up to date with what's happening at the hall during these Covid times. And if you want to become involved and join the Village Hall Committee it's the perfect time to get yourself elected.

#### Litter Pick – Be Part of the Solution not the Pollution

Trustee Sarah Dykes contacted Wychavon District Council in January to launch a village hall initiative to tidy up the village and the wider Abbots Morton community. Here's what Sarah has written:

*"The village hall team all enjoy getting out and walking around our wonderful footpaths. We know how lucky we are and certainly Covid has emphasised that! Unfortunately, in some respects, other people have cottoned on to it too. We welcome ramblers obviously, what we don't welcome is the rubbish they leave.*

*"More and more cans, bottles, takeout bags and general rubbish can be seen in our hedgerows - and unfortunately, with Covid at the back of everyone's minds, we are all a little less inclined to pick it up on their behalf! So Wychavon kindly gave us 10 sets of litter pick kits. A picker upper stick (any idea what that's called!!!???? - answers on a postcard), gloves, bags and hoop and a fluorescent jacket.*

*"We've issued out 6 sets already to villagers who are happy to help collect rubbish when out walking and Graham Hobbs collected a sack and a half in a day !*

*"We still have a few sets left so if you'd like one call me on 07411 633148 and I'll drop one off. We can get more from Wychavon if needed. Please take photos of the rubbish and send to me as they are keen to see how much we collect for analysis. So let's all be part of the solution!!!"*

## Open and Shut Case: Our Village Hall

At the time of writing this, the village hall remains closed under the Lockdown Three restrictions... but by the time you're reading it we may well be open if restrictions are eased.

If yoga and ballet classes are allowed then we will be welcoming them back... and, of course, our Covid mitigating measures will still be in place. Your Trustees are regularly making inspections to ensure the hall is well maintained, safe and secure during these periods of closure.

## Weddings

We've taken a booking for a wedding reception in October and for another wedding reception in early August but both couples are aware that we remain in the hands of progress in the fight against Covid 19 as to what shape their receptions take.

We did host a wedding reception in December at a time when numbers were restricted to 15. The hall was laid out in a Covid-secure way and all wore masks when not actually eating or drinking...



The family said it was still a very enjoyable occasion and the happy couple, David and Grace Talbot, expressed themselves delighted with our hall, its facilities and our Covid mitigation measures.

## EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile

As more and more people make online purchases, the village hall is benefitting from those buyers who are registered with Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile.

Our 23 EasyFundraisers have now raised £732.04 for the village hall. Thank you so much to them...and if you want to become our 24<sup>th</sup> EasyFundraiser simply search EasyFundraising in your web browser and follow the prompts. Please put Abbots Morton Village Hall as your Good Cause

AmazonSmile customers have also raised £30.86 for our funds. You, too, can support Abbots Morton Village Hall by Googling: [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and follow the prompts.  
Thank you

## Your Trustees... come and join us.

The Village Hall Trustees are:-

**Chair:** Melanie Clarke Tel: 07887 800401;

**Secretary** Lynne Pemberton 01386 792549;

**Treasurer** Sarah Dykes 07411 633148;

**Bookings Officer,** Colin Pemberton 07766 524833,  
Pat Willingale and Martin Willingale 07484 104967

If you would like to join the Village Hall Committee and become a Trustee please get in touch with any of us and come along to the AGM, by Zoom, on 18<sup>th</sup> March

- *Colin Pemberton, PRO, AMVH*

*February 2021*