

## WESTON VILLAGE HALL

COMMITTEE: Pauline Laughton - Chair, David Chase - Vice Chair, Rebecca Henderson - Treasurer, Colin Laughton - Events Co-ordinator, Linda Simpson - Secretary, Andy Saxby, Janet Birkin, Sue Hill.

Huge thanks to Glyn, Vicki and Evie Francis for their hard work and support over the last few years as committee members. We all wish them well in their new venture and will miss them greatly.

Firstly a sincere thank you to all who have helped keep the hall going as a self-funding community venue and recognising the work that goes into each event. Particular thanks to Colin for the displays within the hall for the Remembrance and Coronation events and for the majority of the cleaning inside and out regularly and before each event and hall hire.

The monthly coffee mornings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month continue to be well supported by residents and friends from surrounding villages. Unfortunately running costs have increased for these as they have for everyone else. Coffee morning profit for the last 12 months is still an excellent £1,183.41. This money has enabled us to purchase equipment for the hall and cleaning and disposable items that support the upkeep of the hall.

The 'Tea at the Hall' afternoon tea event was well received last year and we are looking forward to this years' event next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The March Pie & Pea Quiz night was a huge success; thank you to Glyn as quizmaster and Colin for catering and to all others who helped and worked hard to achieve this great event.

The only current regular class is the 'Move It or Lose It' keep fit class at 2-3pm on a Friday, a friendly exercise class suitable for all ages and abilities. This is enjoyed by those that attend each week but sadly may possibly not be viable to continue due to lack of numbers so new participants welcomed please.

There have been several private bookings for hire of the hall and hopefully these will continue. Also a few single classes have taken place which are good for attracting new visitors to the hall.

The Weston choir is still going strong and have provided music at hall events. Thank you to Colin Laughton, Linda Simpson and all the choir members who so willingly give their time and voices to support the hall. We look forward to our annual Weston Remembrance Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> November and hope many of you will attend to join us for this important event. Any monies raised from both this Festival and the November Coffee morning on the same day will go to Royal British Legion and Help 4 Heroes.

The Kings Coronation 'Bring your own Picnic Street Party' was a huge success and the sunny weather was lovely; and a relief to all. I have received some lovely feedback and grateful thanks regarding this event.

Future planned events will include Pub Nights (next one Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 23), Carol singing around the village and a Christmas Party - dates to be confirmed.

We'll continue to advertise all activities and events on the Parish notice board, the Parish website and Facebook page, in the Unity magazine and in the Weston Wanderer newsletter kindly produced by Glyn and Vicki Francis. Thank you to Colin for all the work that goes into the posters each month and for displaying the relevant flags outside the hall as appropriate.

We have recently upgraded and improved the exterior lighting at the hall and this will be of benefit during the darker evenings to hall users.

The Committee will be applying for funding for improvements to the Village Hall. Our aim is to be able to achieve resurfacing of the front 'playground' to include improved disabled access from the road and replacement toilet facilities and storage. This is a massive undertaking, both financially and in implementation and any support in this would be most welcome.

We need to secure future private hire and new classes or activities or 'one off' events so please talk to a Committee member if you can support this in any way. New Committee members are always most welcome.

Thank you for your support to enable this community venue to continue to be available for you all.

Pauline Laughton  
12th August 2023