

HALL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER 8 — February 2020



We're Back!

Big thanks to everyone involved in getting us to this stage.



Hilas Smrth photo

Official Opening

We cordially invite you to come and have a look round the superbly refurbished, warm and comfortable Hall, as seen on Look East! Enjoy a cup of coffee in the light, modern Foyer, and marvel at the amazing pass-through dishwasher in the new Kitchen. An exhibition in the Hall will highlight all the current and some of the planned activities and events which can be booked. The photo (left) shows the cheerful volunteers on unpacking and cleaning day on Wednesday, December 18th.

Saturday 29th February

Open House 12.15pm – 4.30pm

12.15 – Gathering in the Main Hall,
12.30 – Welcome, opening ceremonial
cake cutting and a (very) few words
12.45 – 4pm Take a look at the Archives,
Consulting Room and the new facilities.
Light refreshments will be available.



Celebration Party 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Local band Roach (Shown left) will play from 8pm. Entry by ticket only available from Westleton Village Shop. £5 to include a free glass of wine or soft drink on arrival.



Tony Ingram photo

Sunday 1 March

The Lion King - Family Film 3.00pm

Experience the new surround sound system in the Main Hall with the 2019 remake of the animated Disney musical film, The Lion King. The plot follows Simba, a young lion, who must embrace his role as the rightful king of his native land.

Everyone welcome. Entry by ticket only as seating is limited. £2 for adults, Under 16s free accompanied by an adult. Doors open 2.30 for 3.00. Tickets from Westleton Village Shop.



Welcome Annie! Annie Groves has joined the Hall team as Centre Manager working most weekday mornings to help build the hall activities and run the social hub in the foyer. Annie is joined by a band of volunteers to keep all the plates spinning and if you would like to join the team do email... or pop in and have a chat.

You can contact Annie on 01728 648354 or by e-mail at:

centremanager@westletonvillagehall.co.uk



A very quick response from the Village Hall alterations team, to the Government's recent offer of funds to support the activities of Village Halls, resulted in an almost immediate grant of £75,000. The fact that that Hall had only just been renovated involving strong village support was key!

The photo on the right (above) shows Chris Wood and Ken MacGladrie welcoming DEFRA Rural Affairs Minister, Lord Gardiner, (photo by Nick Santon)



The Westleton Village Quilters were started in 1994 by Louis Platt, Eileen Warwick and Joan Fuller.

The group meet in the village hall on a Friday afternoon during the autumn and spring. In the past the group have supported the Village Exhibition and Wildflower Festival by running a sales stall and making and raffling quilts. The Quilters have raised over £15,000 in this way and the profits were shared with the Village Hall and Church.

The group is not just for quilters, many in the group, knit, stitch, crochet, dress make or just come to socialize. We are a friendly group and new members are most welcome.

What's on

The various clubs and groups are now pretty much re-installed with the following regular events: Soup and Pud on Monday mornings, Carpet Bowls on Monday afternoons, The Art Group on Tuesday mornings, Table Tennis on Wednesday evenings, Coffee Pot on Friday Mornings and Quilters on Friday afternoon. Monthly events include a Film Evening every 1st Saturday evening, Gardeners meet every 3rd Tuesday, Games evening 3rd Thursday, WI 1st Tuesdays, and Hall for All talks and events take place on the last Friday of the month. Clubs and Groups close over the holiday and full details and contact information can be found on www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk

We also have events planned including:

Learn how to use village defibrillator and CPR on March 4th (1.00 pm to 2.00 pm or 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm) Sign up with our Centre Manager, Annie.

Film night on Saturday March 7th at 7.30 pm will feature *Yesterday*, a romantic comedy about a struggling musician who finds himself the only person who remembers The Beatles.

Wine Tasting – Friday March 27th

A Flea market will take place on Sunday April 12th

Eastern Angles theatre will be performing on Tuesday April 14th

Poetry – Friday April 24th will be "In Our Own Words". Four local, published poets, Elizabeth Bracken, Fiona Ireland, Ivor Murrell and Barbara Strangward will read their poetry about a wide range of topics, enhanced with images. There will be musical interludes during the readings. All takings from this event will be for the Village Hall funds.

Summer Craft Fair 31st July - 2 August. In conjunction with the Wildflower Festival at St Peters Church, this year the Village Hall will host a Summer Craft Fair featuring some of our local makers and shapers.

The new Village Hall website is now up and running. Please do check out news and information at :

www.westletonvillagehall.co.uk

Best wishes from The Village Hall team.

