

# **PUNNETTS TOWN VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER**

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Happy New Year to you all from the Committee

Last year's January newsletter stated that the tender documents were being prepared for the new hall. Well, this January we can say that the hall is well on its way to being built. The builders hoped to be under cover by Christmas but, due some vandalism, which has fortunately now stopped, some bad timber in the roof structure, which had to be replaced, atrocious weather all through November and then snow, they are now a month behind. They are still hoping for a completion date in early May.

The surgery will go ahead as planned as, after much negotiation, the PCT (Primary Care Trust) has finally come up with a realistic rent, although contracts have not been signed yet. The lease from the Parish Council to the Committee has been extended to allow repayments back to the Charity Bank to be spread over a longer period. The Committee would like to give grateful thanks to all the people who have already given or pledged money in support. The building should start as soon as the new hall is completed and the old hall demolished to make room for the surgery.

The first event of the year is the **AGM on Tuesday, 26 January at 7.30 pm** in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is over very quickly but the Committee appreciates support for the hard work they are doing for the village. The meeting is followed by coffee and a chance to get to know people.

This will be followed by our popular **Beetle Drive on Friday, 29 January at 7.30 pm**. Suitable for all ages, great fun, you don't even have to know how to play or need to book. Just turn up on the night. Light refreshments provided but **bring your own drink**. £2.50 per person.

We are having a **Jumble Sale on Saturday, 20 February at 2 pm**. Always a good fundraiser for the hall. Jumble can be brought to the coffee morning on Friday, 19 February, or left outside the hall on the day from 9.30 am.

Next there is a **Quiz on Friday 12 March at 7.30 pm** with our usual quizmaster, Michael Gosden. Teams of up to four at £4.50 per head. Refreshments provided but **bring your own drink**. To book a team, ring Sally on 830824 or Maggie on 830645.

There is an idea in the pipeline for Easter but final details are not yet available.

**Craft on Sunday: The first Sunday of each month 10 am - 4 pm** in the hall. This has taken off very well and crafts brought along include lacemaking, spinning, cross stitch, rag rug making and knitting but all other crafts are welcome. Come along, everyone welcome, even if only for an hour. For further details ring 865990.

**Saturday talks/demos** - in the village hall 7.30 pm. £2.50 per person with coffee and cakes. Everyone welcome.

**6 February** Some Rather Splendid Washhouses

An intriguing subject by Marion Bysouth

**20 February** Master Puppeteer, Christopher Leigh, returns with a great new show.

**10 April** Tantly Trot or Coaching in Sussex

Illustrated talk by Brian Purdy

**1 May** The Battle of Lewes with Philip Marshall

**Coffee Mornings** - as usual every **Friday 10.30 - 12.30** for chat, coffee, cakes, books, puzzles and plants.

### **Some future dates for your diary**

We have the **Rude Mechanical Workshop** coming to entertain us in the village on **Wednesday 16 June**. Further details nearer the time.

The annual **Bar-B-Q and Fête** will be on **Saturday 19 June**, with lots of new ideas.

We also look forward to a huge celebration on the opening of the New Village Hall. Watch this space. All events are advertised on our website [www.punnettstown.org](http://www.punnettstown.org) and with posters around the village.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter  
Punnetts Town Village Hall Committee