

PUNNETTS TOWN VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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A happy New Year to everyone and a warm welcome to any newcomers to the village. The new village hall is up and running and is proving very popular. Not only do we have a variety of regular users but the hall is being used for parties, weddings, wakes, health days and a half way stop for long distance cyclists. We are also taking bookings for 2012. Most users are local and it is gratifying to know that all the time, effort and money that the Committee and you have put into this project have been worthwhile.

Our congratulations go to our builder, John Hill, who has just received a Highly Commended award for the village hall from the National Master Builder of the Year competition for Community Buildings.

The building works at the new surgery next to the hall are progressing but the wintry weather has caused some delays. Dr Edwards has been looking after patients in Punnetts Town and surrounding areas for 10 years. She and Dr Gray, who joined as a partner in 2010, are hoping to move into the new premises around Easter time this year. It will be a sad goodbye to Spring Pastures and they are grateful to Dr Alston for accommodating the surgery there for so long.

In the new surgery, they will be able to offer pre-bookable appointments and afternoon clinics as well as mornings. They will be performing minor surgery in a purpose built minor-ops theatre and treatment room and also hope to provide complementary services, for example, osteopathy. They are happy to accept new patients - please speak to their receptionist, Mary, who will help with registration.

Our AGM is on **Monday, 7 February, at 7.30 pm**. Do come along and find out what is going on. Nominations for the Management Committee must be received by the secretary, Gloria Stoner, 17 Pont Close, Punnetts Town, Heathfield, TN21 9DP, by Monday, 24 January 2011. There are posters around the village with more information.

Our first event of the year is a **Wine Tasting Evening on Friday, 25 February at 7.30 pm**, an opportunity to sample and compare six different wines from France and the New World. Tickets are £10, which includes a talk, bread and cheese and the equivalent of a bottle of wine. Tickets from Sue on 01435 831661 or 07986 204269. **Tickets to purchased by 11 February**.

Next is our popular **Jumble Sale on Saturday, 26 February, at 2 pm**. Have a good turn out now that Christmas has gone and bring the jumble up either on the day from 9 am or at the Friday coffee morning, the day before.

Our next event is **Music from the Shows and other popular music by The Uckfield Singers on Saturday, 12 March at 7.30 pm**. There will be coffee and cakes during the interval, plus a raffle. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from Barbara Catt on 01435 830450, at any other event or on the door.

We have a **Quiz on Friday, 25 March at 7.30 pm** with Pat Clark, who has volunteered to be Quizmaster. Tickets are £4.50 each, with tables of up to four people. Light refreshments will be served but bring your own drinks. To book a table ring Maggie on 01435 830645.

The **Chickrow Competition** last Easter was such a success that we are running it again this year, with a theme of "The Royal Wedding". More details will follow so you have until Easter to think up ideas.

Open Gardens will be on Sunday, 5 June and the **Summer Fete on Saturday, 18 June** - more details later.



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Saturday talks/demos are in the hall from 7.30 to 10 pm. £3 each including coffee and cakes, everyone welcome:

- 5 February** Medieval Re-enactment with Rusty. A talk with artefacts.
5 March Scotney - a work of Art and Nature. An illustrated talk by Mrs H V O Woodward.
2 April Haiti - our work. Another look at the work of Dr Colin Tate as a charity doctor.
7 May The History and Culture of Gypsy Travellers with Philip Godleman.
4 June Brighton, Brighton, Brighton - a local topic illustrated by Christopher Rudd

Coffee mornings as usual are held every Friday 10.30 - 12.30 for coffee, cakes, plants and lots of interesting people to talk to. Books and puzzles are always much appreciated if you have some to donate. **There will be no coffee morning on Friday, 28 January.**

Regular Hall Users

- Monday** **Line dancing** with Dave Sharp. First class 14 February at 7.30. Enquiries to Dave on curlydave.sharp@virgin.net or 01435 867583
- Tuesday** **Heffle Quilters** 1.30-3.30 pm Enquiries to anneleenr@talktalk.net 01435 865903
Street Dance/Jazz 3.45 - 4.35 for ages 7-12
Run by Chloe Le Fay ring 07766 736421 to enrol. She also hopes to run an Adult Tap Class so contact her if you are interested.
Yoga 6.00-9.00 pm Beginners & Experienced Penelope Coomber 01435 867452
- Wednesday** **Over 40's** 2-4 pm This group meets once a fortnight for Bingo, a natter and a cup of tea. In summer they have monthly outings to places of interest. Contact Joan 01435 830142
Children's Dance Class 3.45-4.45 pm age 3-6 yrs Classes run by Chloe Le Fay as above
Street Dance 5-5.50 pm for ages 6-9 yrs
Cross-in-Hand Bridge Club 7-10 pm Enquiries to Peter Garvey 01323 442690
- Thursday** **Little Punnetts Toddler Group** 9-11 am Contact Toni on 01435 831515 or preschool@punnettstown.e-sussex.sch.uk or come along and meet the group
Mila's Bridge Club 1.30-5.30 pm Contact Bernard Maishman on 01825 872329 or mail@maishman.co.uk
African Drumming 7-9 pm with Alison 01435 813827
Heffle Spinners 8-10 pm We have a wheel you can practise with and plenty of wool so come along and see if it is for you. Ring Maggie 01435 830645
- Friday** **Coffee mornings** 10.30-12.30 A social event open to everyone

Monthly Events

First Saturday of the month - Craft and Produce Market 9.30-12.30 (not 10.30 as stated in the last newsletter). There is a variety of stalls. If anyone has crafts or produce to sell, they would be very welcome to take a table. Come along and have bacon and egg sandwiches for breakfast and browse round the stalls. To book a stall ring Tina on 01435 867794.

First Sunday of the month - Craft on Sunday 10-4 Come along with your craft for an hour or two or all day to work, chat and exchange ideas. Telephone Jennifer 01435 865990.

Warbleton Church holds a monthly family get-together on the last Sunday in the month from 3-6 pm. Phone Steve Clark on 01435 831691 for more details.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.
PTVH Committee



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