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Welcome to the first Punnetts Town Village Hall newsletter for 2024. Christmas has come and gone and February is here already. Let's hope for a healthy, prosperous and perhaps less rainy and windy 2024.

We had a very successful Fireworks Extravaganza on December 30th. Thank you to all the brave people who ventured out on a rather windy evening; we couldn't fire

some of the rockets due to the wind! Many thanks to Jack Vockins for organising the display and to all our sponsors who made it possible. This year Ricci Kent from Kendale Catering stepped into the breach as our previously booked caterer pulled out at the last minute. Everyone commented on the lovely food so he is already booked for this year's event. It's always nice to keep it local as well.

Some months ago Barclays Bank closed the Hall's account. We were unable to pay monies in and, of course, pay bills and honour standing orders. This was very frustrating for our Treasurer, who made numerous phone calls to re-open the account and who actually paid one mortgage payment using her own money. The account has now been re-opened and thanks are due to our Treasurer for all her hard work and perseverance. On the subject of money, we have had to put up the Hall hire charges by a small amount due to increased costs.

## Special points of interest:

- Jumble Sale
- ♦ Quiz
- ♦ Spring Tea



Our first fundraiser for the year is our **Annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd March at 2pm.** After the tremendous help we had last year at the end of the Sale, please could we have assistance this year with clearing up, putting tables away, taking excess jumble to the tip and general help. Clearing up will begin around 3.30pm so all help from then will be greatly appreciated. Jumble can be brought to the Hall from **10am** on the day of the sale.

Our next event is our popular **Quiz on Friday 19th April at 7.30pm**. Our fantastic Quiz Master, John Looker, is willing to test us again with his thought provoking questions. Teams of up to six. £12 a head. Choice of fish/chicken/sausage/veggie and chips, to be ordered and paid for by **Wednesday 17th April**. Bring your own drink. Phone Maggie on \$\mathbb{\alpha}\$830645 to book.



Our third event is a **Spring Tea on Sunday 12th May at 4pm.** We used to hold teas before COVID and they were very successful. Eat as much as you like from the range of sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls and cakes, all for £10 per head. It really is a feast to delight the eye. Numbers and money to Sue \$831660 or Janice \$831645 by **Monday 6th May.** There will also be a raffle and possibly entertainment, to be confirmed.



Coffee Mornings take place every two weeks at the Hall and are a great place to meet people and have a natter, with tea, coffee and delicious cakes. Both men and women come along and everyone is welcome. The next coffee mornings are on 2nd and 16th February and 1st, 15th and 29th March, from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Contact numbers for any help, suggestions, information, queries etc.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

