

PUNNETTS TOWN VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER

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A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone. At least the winter has been kind to us so far this year, rather than the snow of last year making it difficult to get around.

Last year's Bonfire and Fireworks, Christmas Shopping Evening and concert by the Uckfield Singers proved very successful. We have some ideas for this year, which we hope will be equally popular.

Now that the hall has been running for over a year, we would like to invite you all to an **Open Evening on Thursday, 16 February at 7.30 pm** for everyone who is interested to come along, air their views and generally discuss how they would like the hall to go forward as a community asset. If you are unable to come but would like to bring something to the Management's attention, please feel free to write to the Chair, Richard Lambert-Gorwyn at Lewhurst, Flitterbrook Lane, Punnetts Town, TN21 9PQ.

This meeting will be followed by the **AGM on Thursday, 22 March at 7.30 pm**, with wine and cheese served after the business. Our Secretary, Gloria Stoner, will be standing down and we need a replacement. If you would be interested in this, please contact Richard, as above. Nominations for Committee members need to be received in writing by the Secretary to Punnetts Town Village Hall Committee, 17 Pont Close, Punnetts Town, Heathfield TN21 9D by the end of February.

There will be a **Patchwork Afternoon on Saturday, 18 February at 2 pm**. Want to know how to do patchwork? Not sure what colours and materials to put together? Come and see what you can make and how quick and easy it is to do. Take home all you need to machine or sew by hand. There will be materials to buy or you can bring your own. Come along and have a go. £2.50 per person.

Although the hall is much in demand and use is good, we do have a £50,000 mortgage. We therefore need to continue our fundraising to ensure that repayments are covered. Our first such event of the year is the **Jumble Sale on Saturday, 25 February at 2 pm**. We've acquired a good name over the years for our excellent jumble sales, with people coming from miles around, so please have a turn out and bring us your excess "stuff" and, of course, come along yourselves on the day.

A **Quiz** comes next on **Friday, 2 March at 7.30 pm**. £10 per table for teams of up to four people. Our Quizmaster is Mick Gosden, who has supported us on numerous occasions. Light refreshments (sandwiches, sausage rolls etc) will be served but bring your own drink. To book a table, ring Maggie on 830645 or Sally on 830824.

The village evening on **14 April** will take the form of a concert by **Sussex Harmony**, whose "cheerful voices raise" English and American tunes of the 1700-1850's. They will be in costume and play instruments of the period and they will do a "tour through the year of a village". They have played as support acts to the Chieftains and the Copper Family, at weddings, funerals and Christmas celebrations at Harveys Brewery. If you would like to know more about them, they can be contacted at paula.m.arthur@dsl.pipex.com. This promises to be a very entertaining evening and everyone of all ages is welcome to come along. Price £4 with coffee and cakes served afterwards.

Our annual **Fete and Barbecue** is on **Saturday, 23 June**, and the **Bonfire and Fireworks** are provisionally booked for **Saturday, 27 October**.



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We have applied for a slot in the Worldwide Beacon Lighting to light our beacon for the **Queen's Jubilee** on the evening of **Monday, 4 June**. We hope to hold a celebration involving the whole community and perhaps this could also be discussed at the **Open Meeting** on **16 February**.

The **2012 calendars** have sold very well. Thank you to Barbara Catt for organising this. There are still a few left and, if you would like one, please ring Barbara on 830450. **Next year's calendar** will involve **YOU**. We are running a **Photographic Competition** of "**Local Views**" and would like as many people as possible to take part. Entries must be given to Maggie at Lewhurst, Flitterbrook Lane, or Tom at 17 Pont Close, no later than 30 April so that winning pictures can be on display at the Jubilee Celebrations and Summer Fete before going to the printers. This is open to all ages so have a go with your cameras.

Last year we held an afternoon in the hall, when invited people brought along old photos and memorabilia. It was such a success that we are hoping to have another such afternoon, possibly in July, and run it along the lines of an exhibition for anyone to come along. More details to follow later.

Country Lunches now have a **fortnightly lunch group** for the elderly in the village hall on a Wednesday. The price is £4 for a two course meal. For details of dates and availability, ring Ann Kenwood on 862618 or Christine Monson on 873378.

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

- 4 February** **The Trager Approach to health** with Martin Clout. Sounds intriguing? Come along and find out.
- 3 March** **The Future of Eastbourne Lifeboats** – a talk by the Coxwain of Eastbourne Lifeboats, Mark Sawyer.
- 14 April** **A Concert by Sussex Harmony** See the paragraph above where this event is described. This event is £4.
- 3 May** **The Tale of Beatrix Potter** The real story by Heather Woodward of the National Trust.
- 2 June** **The Magic of Bees** their life, their future and how you can help them by beekeeper, Mike Clark.

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 and, yes, we do have men but they don't all come every week so, if you have come once and been the only male, please persevere and come again!

For other regular groups, please see the notices in the noticeboards outside the hall, the surgery and the school.

Finally, offers of help are really appreciated at any of the events and suggestions for fundraising events and other activities would be really welcome.

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



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- Monday **Zumba** Great fun and exercise to music. 9.30-10.25, 6.30-7.25 & 7.30-8.25.
Zumba Gold For beginners/new to exercise 11.30-12.25 Come along or contact Corinne on corinnemarsh11@hotmail.com or 01435 864685.
Pilates Also with Corinne 10.30-11.25 £5 a class and £2.50 each further class if you do more than one.
Children's Dance 3.45 pm run by Chloe Le Fay ring 07766 736421 for details.
- Tuesday **Heffle Quilters** 11 am -3 pm Enquiries to anneleenr@talktalk.net 01435 865903.
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Yoga Beginners 6-7.30 & **Experienced** 7.30-9 pm 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.
Country Lunches: Fortnightly lunch group for the elderly in the village hall. The price is £4 for a two course meal. If you would like to come along, ring Ann Kenwood on 862618 or Christine Monson on 873378 for details.
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.
Pilates 12-1.45 Sioux Clare-King teaches all abilities. Contact her on siouxsee@btinternet.com or 01323 722576.
Mila's Bridge Club 1.30-5.30 pm Contact Bernard Maishman on 01825 872329 or mail@maishman.co.uk New members welcome.
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. In the small hall.
Art Classes 10.30-1.30 with Fiona Lewis-Donaldson. Drawing and painting for adults. Contact Fiona for details on 01424 532377.

ALL GROUPS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Monthly Events

First Sunday of the month - Craft on Sunday 10 am -4 pm Come along with your craft for an hour or two or all day to work, chat and exchange ideas. Telephone Jennifer 01435 865990.
Warbleton Parish Church hosts **4 For All** - A monthly event for the whole family - games, story, craft, music, etc. An opportunity to explore the Christian faith, with an emphasis on having fun! The last Sunday in every month, 4 pm – 5 pm. Everyone welcome. Phone Steve Clark on 01435 831691 for more details.



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