

INKPEN Our Village Hall NEWS

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It's YOURS

As a resident of Inkpen, I feel strongly about maintaining a great Village Hall facility that can be used by the whole community. Because Inkpen is stretched out geographically, without any central point, the importance of a meeting place is so much the greater.

Our Village Hall acts as a hub for all sorts of activities, from Toddler Groups to Big TV screen football enthusiasts, from Birthday Parties to the home of Pudsey! A place where locals can chat and catch up with friends and neighbours at the monthly farmers market, supporting our important local country food and produce suppliers. Our Village Hall Committee welcomes new members to join us at any time – even if it is to get a 'one off' event off the ground. I invite all residents of the village to read this newsletter and discover what is on offer.

David Glitz, Chairman.

BIG Screen TV

During the World Football Cup we were able to test out our new BIG SCREEN TV in the main hall. We have installed a new TV aerial and hope that this is the start of something BIG! Make sure you look out for our next BIG SCREEN TV event, or consider booking it for a function of your own.

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Marquee for hire

Did you know we have a Marquee (10m x 4m) available for hire at a reasonable cost? It is ideal for all sorts of events from children's parties to wedding receptions. It comfortably seats about 30 people around tables and is easy to erect. If required, help can be provided with erecting and dismantling the marquee. Tables and chairs are also available. For availability and cost, please contact John Bryant on 01488 668 695.



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Our Village Hall is for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Inkpen. To promote cultural, social, educational and physical activities within the community. To provide a comfortable facility for local organisations to hire.

Charity Commission No: 300168

Our regular users

Clubs that use Our Village Hall.

Monday morning

Body Control Pilates classes

9.30am MAT class £8.50 per session.

Contact Sonja Hornsby 01635 35174

Monday evening

Table Tennis

6.00 - 6.45pm Juniors - with coaching £1.50

6.45 - 8.00pm Seniors £2

New members always welcome.

Tuesday evening

Yoga

7.00 - 9.00pm suitable for all abilities

Contact Inga Craven 01488 658744

Thursday evening

Body Control Pilates classes

7.00pm MAT class £8.50 per session.

Contact Penny Marriage 07867 785412

Friday morning

Playgroup

10.30am - 12.30pm Term times only

Freeplay, snacks then creative activity

Contact Jane White 668 669

The 92 Group was formed in 1992 and is a group of friendly people who meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm. The meetings include demonstrations and talks on a wide variety of subjects. Sometimes trips out are organised. Non-members are always welcome. Cost £2.00 per session. Contact Verity Fenmore 01488 658 903.

Their next meeting is on Tuesday 21st September at 2.00pm when a talk will be given on **Beekeeping** by Kate Regan and V. H. Comb.

Inkpen Farm and Country Market.

Third Sunday of the month from 10.00am - 12.30pm.

A variety of stalls plus local Inkpen veg and rhubarb, preserves and pâtés, meat, cheese, cakes, plants, birthday and other cards, books and puzzles, etc. with something for all ages. There is also a Raffle. Please come and support your community



market. Tea and coffee is available, so make time to chat to other villagers. For more information please email farmersmarket@inkpen-village.co.uk The monthly Farmers Market is always a must for your calendar.

Does it fit?

Our Village Hall is about 13 metres long by 6 metres wide and can easily accommodate 80 people just in the Main Hall alone for conferences. For catering functions 50 people can be seated without feeling cramped. Our room on the upper level is ideal for small meetings and can hold up to 10 individuals. All of this comes with a fully fitted kitchen with ample crockery and cutlery. There are separate toilet facilities including those for disabled persons. The building is centrally heated and benefits from the usual lighting and electrical outlets combined with the added facility of BIG SCREEN TV. There is hard standing for approximately 10 vehicles and a further 20 spaces within the grounds.

Coming soon

We will soon be taking delivery of "Child Size" tables and chairs, making party time even more fun for the little ones!

To make a Hall booking

Contact Lin Wild on 01488 668316.

Want to help?

Our Village Hall is run purely on a voluntary basis by local residents. If you would like to get involved we would be pleased to hear from you. There are no onerous jobs or ones with heavy commitment and only approximately six committee meetings a year. The benefits will soon become obvious as you see the fun and enjoyment our fellow neighbours get from what happens at Our Village Hall. Please contact Julie Bryant on 01488 668695, or any of our other committee members, for an informal chat about what we could all do as a partnership.

Free Box of Chocolates worth £10 and your mark on Our Village Hall

Our meeting room in the eaves needs a name. Here is your chance to win this prize and know that you had a hand in the naming of this room. If you can think of a suitable name, which may or may not have some historic connection to the hall, then please let us know. If you think an explanation is needed for your selection, then that would help in the decision process. There are no limits to the number of entries and children as well as adults are welcome to submit their entries, as long as you live in Inkpen. Entries must be received by October 31st 2010. The winner will be published in our next issue.

To enter please email your offering to don@honeydesign.co.uk

Don Honey, Publisher.

A few words from our Treasurer

I am pleased to announce that Our Village Hall finances are in good shape. In the year just ended our income from hall rental for activities was up 37% over the previous year. This reflects your committee's focus on events held in the hall or on using our other resources more effectively. The marquee, tables and chairs bookings were up a massive 150% on the previous year. It is your hall - come and use it.

John Bryant, Treasurer.



History of Our Village Hall

Our Village Hall was built as a gift from Major Huth and his wife, a local couple, in 1924 with an approximate cost of £900 for the building work and the land. But it came with a stipulation! "That the building be used by the people of Inkpen on the understanding that it be not used for anti-Christian and unconstitutional purposes." There must be many a tale to be told of happenings within its walls. The stealing of bottled jam made by the Women's Institute during the war years. The echoes from a piano recital by the then famous "Solomon" on the hall piano, in aid of a War Charity. And what was said at Parish Council and other political meetings during this time? There were also Film shows, Band Fetes, Produce Shows, Harvest Suppers, Christmas parties and a host of other local events. It must have been a hive of activity and a focal point for the village. An interesting milestone was the granting of a Drink Licence in 1968. This must have come as a welcome treat to the locals after many years of having a "Dry" hall.

Our Village Hall has a wonderful history, with so much more to reveal from its past and so much more for its future.

If you have any stories that you would like to tell, then please contact our Newsletter Editor, Julie Bryant on 01488 668 695.



INKPEN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE 2009/2010

Inkpen Residents elected at the AGM on 19th July 2009

Chairman

David Glitz

Treasurer

John Bryant

Secretary

Vicky Banks

Management Committee

Bookings and Caretaker

Lin Wild

Julie Bryant

Liz and Gabriel Cave

Chris and Gloria Keene

Joanna McLeish

Eileen Nightingale

Kate Regan

Jane White

Don Honey

Co-opted Members

Betty Grimsey

Daphne Hutchins

Duncan Campbell