



Our Village Hall is for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Inkpen and its immediate vicinity. 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

Something for the little ones

On Friday mornings, it's the turn of the little people to descend on our Village Hall. Trampolines, playhouses and tricycles all emerge from the cupboards.

Helen Hanna explains, "The children have a great time. Each week about a dozen or so drag Mums, Dads or Grandparents come along to the Village Hall. They kick off with a general play to let off a little steam. Our ancient wooden slide, which is probably older than the combined age of the children, is most definitely the star attraction. Then they all sit down with a snack to put the world to rights, followed by some form of craft activity. The adults take turns to present them with the opportunity to create something wonderful to take home, and they are all so very proud to show off their creations! Anything from pet robots to sock puppets to rice and pasta portraits to petal pictures and so much more. Story time or songs to finish and our time is up."

The Daisy Chains Play Group has been a permanent fixture within the village for many years and today remains a thriving and vibrant group. It provides a vital opportunity for parents and carers in our rural community to meet up and form an essential support network of friends. The children learn to socialise with one another and form important early friendships. The Group also acts as a feeder into our village pre-school.

Daisy Chains meets every Friday during term time from 10.30 to 12.30. It is open to all families in Inkpen and the surrounding villages and caters for children from birth to school age.

There's always a warm welcome for any new families to our Group, but equally maybe there's a Granny out there who delights in being in the company of little people but perhaps has family not so near. We always welcome a great story teller.

Contact Helen Hanna on 01488 669 028



Camera shy?

No need to be - just come along to our second introduction to photography with Chris Keene.

Friday 27th April 7.30pm

Chris Keene, LRPS will continue with the second "fun photography" session. Whether Compact Camera or DSLR user, beginner to advanced, Chris will make you see red, tickle your hyperfocals, crop and polish your composition up so you'll get a lot more fun and satisfaction out in the field and on your computer. A range of both prints and projected images will be shown illustrating the areas covered and what can be achieved by all. Entry is just £1 and you may get a cup of tea and a biscuit!



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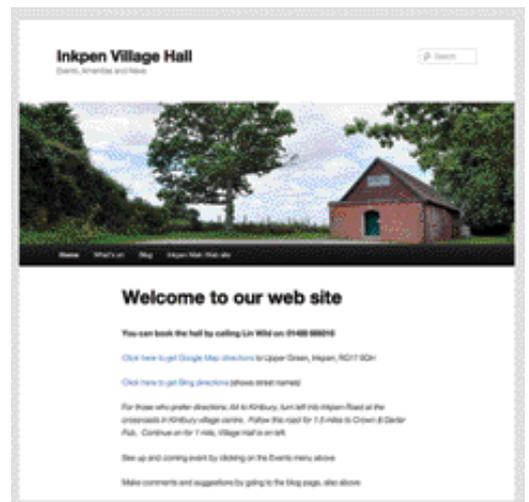
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Inkpen's Swing Band

Inkpen has its very own Swing Band, seen here practising in the Village Hall. They've become a regular user for practice sessions for more than three years now. The group are currently seeking new musicians - particularly those with ability to play trumpet, trombone, guitar, bass or keyboard. Andy Ling (pictured far left) says "We can make a pretty good sound but we currently have to use a computer to fill in where we lack the necessary players"

Anyone interested in finding out more can contact Andy on 01488 668 130. And if you need a band for your parties etc. - again contact Andy for more information.



Top Table

Members of Inkpen Table Tennis Group are seen here with their new table, kindly provided through a Greenham Trust grant. The table, which is used for both club nights and League competition, has drawn admiring glances from clubs in the Newbury League and gives the Group one of the best facilities of any local club. Club nights, including a junior section, are currently held on a Monday.

Contact Duncan Campbell on 01488 668 530 for more information.



Our Regular Users

Clubs that use Our Village Hall.

Monday morning	Body Control Pilates 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 - 8.30pm Seniors £2 Contact Duncan Campbell 668 530
Tuesday evening	Yoga 7.30 - 9.00pm suitable for all abilities Contact Inga Craven 01488 658744
Friday morning	Daisy Chains Playgroup 10.30am - 12.30pm Term times only Freeplay, snacks then creative activity Contact Helen Hanna 669 028

The 92 Group is a group of friendly people who meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2pm. The meetings include demonstrations and talks on a wide variety of subjects. Sometimes trips out are organised. Non-members are always welcome. Cost £2 per session. Contact Verity Fenemore 01488 658 903.

Inkpen Farm and Country Market 10.00am - 12.30pm.

The Inkpen Farm & Country Market adds colour and interest to our village life. There is always plenty of local fresh produce and home baked cakes at keen prices, and, hopefully, always a little surprise to be found. Come and get a bargain or two and meet other villagers for a chat, have a tea or coffee and get a bacon butty! And don't forget that there's a book stall and puzzles for all ages and a monthly raffle to cover overheads. Make the third Sunday of the month a regular fixture in your calendar. For more information please contact Josephine Stark on 01488 668 068.

Ow is ee?

Saturday 28th April at 8pm

The Cricket Club is holding a quiz night fundraiser at Our Village Hall. Teams of up to 4 people. Tickets just £7 each or £25 for a team of 4.. Price includes a bottle of wine per team and a light supper for all. More information and tickets from Simon Hanna at admin@inkpencricketclub.org or 01488 669 028.

Teak Garden & Leisure Furniture Sale

**Saturday April 21st
10am - 4pm**

There will be a selection of Teak Tables, Chairs, Steamer Chairs, Benches and Woven Garden furniture on display. Free admission. Free delivery or take away on the day.
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Face lift

Are there any architects out there who might help us consider an external face lift for Our Village Hall? What we surpass in with facilities, we lack in kerb appeal. Even if you are not an architect, we would love to hear from anyone in the village who has ideas about the look of our amenity. Please either contact our Chairman, Peter Richie on 01488 669 238 or email us info@inkpenvillagehall.org

What's been going on...

Energy talk

On Friday 3rd February we were given the lowdown on energy saving methods for our homes and government policy on the use and support for solar power installation. A fascinating evening, with many questions answered. The kettle was put on at the end of the evening! Many thanks to all those who helped put this presentation together. A very worthwhile exercise. And a special thankyou to The Energy Warehouse for their donation of £90. If



you are looking for solar panels contact them on 01635 203344 or see our village hall web site.

Bees, Soap and Lip Balm!

Don Honey gave another talk on his honey bees to the 92 Group on 20th March. The hour-long talk included an impromptu conclusion from his wife Jan on using some of the bye products of bee keeping. Samples of moisturiser, lip balm and soap were handed out, along with honey cake to go with the tea!



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