



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

Gong for Gloria

The Queen's Birthday Honours 2012 - Mrs Gloria Keene MBE, for services to the community in Inkpen, Berkshire.

Among her many other duties in the community, Gloria is on our Village Hall Committee so we see first hand her dedication and enthusiasm towards Inkpen and its residents. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to her for all her good work. It is clear that she has the best interests of all the people of Inkpen at heart. We do not know how many years she has been working for us in the Village, it would be rude to ask, but just hope that it long continues.



WANTED

Do you know what a "Silent Disco" is? If you are over 21, then you probably don't, so please ask your young family members. We are looking for a young "Leader" to run a "Silent Disco" for the youth of Inkpen. You will have the full support of our Adult Committee members which could lead to a regular event at our Village Hall. If this sounds interesting to you, then please contact our Chairman, Peter Richie ptr.ritchie@googlemail.com for more information.

Events at Our Village Hall

Friday	10th	August	Stitch and Knit
Friday	24th	August	Circus Skills
Friday	14th	September	Steam Railways
Friday	16th	November	Pudsey

Further details overleaf

And a big "thank you" to...

Peter Bailey and Fred Robinson.

The Village Hall Committee would like to give a special thanks to two individuals who have helped us with maintenance tasks in the hall and its grounds.

Fred Robinson has helped us keep the grass around our Village Hall cut in the summer season for many years now. Without his help the paddock areas would not look as tidy as they are.

Peter Bailey has assisted us in the last three months in renewing some of the floorboards. His experience in all things wood has been of great value in advising us what sort of materials to use, as well as helping us in the replacement task itself. We were hopeful of finding buried treasure underneath but alas there was nothing more than a few discarded cigarette packets.

If you have buildings knowledge or practical skills, and would be willing to help or just advise, please let one of the committee know.

Our Friday Specials

As you will see from the reports overleaf, we continue to have interesting, diverse events, some successful, others not quite so. We have another three lined up over the coming months which we hope you will support. Our aim is to encourage locals to talk on subjects that they are passionate about and pass on their enthusiasm to others. Generally speaking, these events are designed to be interesting, not too serious, but fun. If you would like to give a talk, then please contact Lin Wild on 668 316 for a Friday that would suit. In most cases there will be no charge to you.

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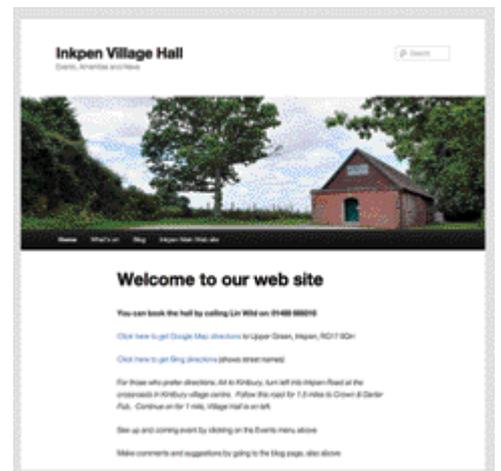
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Friday Night Specials

Friday 10th August 7.30pm

One for the girls!!

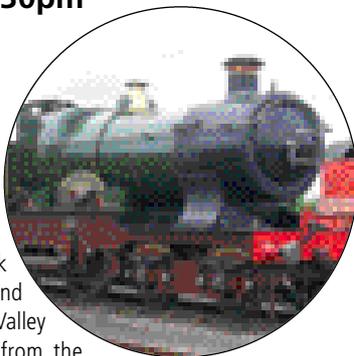
Do you like to sew or knit? We're planning on setting up a Stitch and Knit group to meet on a regular basis at the Village Hall. To see how much interest there is we are holding a Friday night special to see if there is enough enthusiasm – there won't be any fancy demonstrations but you are all invited to bring along anything you are working on at the moment, something you are a little stuck on or any ideas you have of what you would like to produce. If you can't sew but would like to you are also welcome – any age from 18 to 118. The idea is that the group isn't intended to be a class but an exchange of ideas and skills in a sociable setting. We can then discuss if we want to set up a regular meeting, how often we would like to meet etc (not necessarily always a Friday) and any other ideas we have. Without your initial support it will not be possible to get this off the ground – so please come along, enjoy a glass of wine and chat to like minded people. If you want any further details or are interested but unable to come along to the first meeting please feel free to email me - jan@honeydesign.co.uk



Friday 14th September 7.30pm

One for the boys!!

Self confessed, local Steam Railway anorak, Professor Tony Atkins will steam us through his knowledge of Steam Railways in the area. This fascinating illustrated talk will include the GWR through Newbury and Kintbury from the 1850's and Lambourne Valley and Didcot/Newbury/Southampton lines from the 1890's. There will be a Buffet Car for light refreshments. Admission just £1.



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.

Friday 24th August 7.30pm

Circus Skills!!

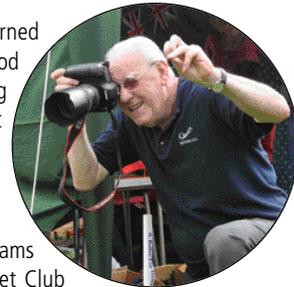
Bring the kids along for an evening of hands-on Circus Skills. No lion taming, but plenty of fun activities for all ages. Admission is just £5 for a family or £3 for individuals. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be available. So if you plan to run away to the circus, here is your opportunity to improve your CV.



What's been going on...

Fun Photography 2

In April, local photographer, Chris Keene returned and gave us a second helping of his tips for good photography. He recently had one of his "Tug of war" and "Runners" photographs taken at our Jubilee Festival published in the local press. Let's hope he comes back and gives us more!



Quiz night!

The Cricket Club had a good turn out of 11 teams (40+ people) for their first ever Inkpen Cricket Club fundraising quiz in April. It was a competitive, yet fun, evening with only 4.5 points separating the top five teams after the ten rounds. The overall winners were the "Gin and Tonics" team with 87 points. A big thank you to local quiz masters Roger and Christine Titford for creating and scoring the quiz. Mark Richards kept the drinks flowing from the bar and Helen Hanna put together an excellent platter of food for each team. The event raised £200 for the Cricket Club (which we are told will probably be invested in some umbrellas!).

The European Cup 2012

Three events were staged, two were reasonable well attended, sadly one was a dismal failure. The conclusion is that football at the Village Hall is not something the community really wants. Those who came expressed their appreciation and said how important they believed such events are for the community, which is lovely but the community spoke! We will try other events but not football!



Having your kitchen re-fitted?

Our Village Hall kitchen units could do with replacing, so if you are upgrading yours and are looking for a good home for your old kitchen we would love to hear from you. Please contact John Bryant on 668 695.

I'm back!
16th November



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