

AVH News

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Welcome! to this first issue of AVH News. In this issue we look back over the past year's activity at Arkholme Village Hall and provide some of the highlights as presented at our AGM on 26th January 2017. We will also update you about some exciting events and opportunities coming up in 2017.

A Fond Farewell

In October 2016 John Mason retired as a Trustee of the Village Hall Charity. John has been involved with the hall since the early 70s when the hall was at its old site at the crossroads, through building of the current hall and its growth into the thriving community resource it is today. In addition to his time as Trustee John spent an amazing 34 years as Treasurer.

We thank John for all his hard work, dedication and support and wish him well

Classes and Groups

The majority of our bookings on weekdays are by the 14 classes, groups or other users that hire the hall on a regular basis. The hall is currently in use both mornings and afternoons every weekday during term time and 3 out of 5 evenings. These groups include School, Playgroup & Toddlers, Davida Children's Tap & Ballet, Turnaround Children's Creative Dance, Parish Council, Young Farmers, Women's Institute, Lunch Club, Ladies NFU, Pilates, Scottish Country Dancing and the Post Office.

During 2016 we have welcomed Helen with her popular Zumba class 7-8pm Monday and we also extend a warm welcome to Heather Brown with her award winning Baby Sensory class, 8.30-13.30am Tuesday starting on 24th January. We have also bid farewell to Gabi Crossley, Tuesday morning, anti-natal exercise class and Sarah Cheyette, Tuesday evening, adult fitness class

We would like to extend our thanks to all our users for their continued support and use of the hall

Dough!

**Olivia Furber & Creative Scene
Friday 7th April, 2pm**

Dough! explores how life can be filled with colour and beauty when we step outside the beige world we know.

Jess is in a mess, a very doughy mess. Unable to resolve the chaos in her kitchen she has to make a journey to an unfamiliar place to get help.

Everything tastes, smells and feels different there. Fantastic things can happen with ordinary stuff. And what could be more ordinary than the dough that makes our everyday staples. Familiar to all cultures, dough creates the loaves, naan bread, croissants, dumplings and chapattis that remind us of home.

See website for details

Events

In 2016 we hosted 15 home grown or jointly organised events including those organised by our own Events Group and Children's Party Group. These included annual events such as bonfire night, sports day, Macmillan coffee morning and charity gala dinner as well as 4 events promoted through 'Spot On', Lancashire's rural touring network.



The annual charity gala dinner raised over £3,300 for Galloway's Society for the Blind. Thank you to everyone involved and to all those who donated



We are pleased to announce that our Autumn Charity Gala Dinner 2017 will be in support of:
St John's Hospice

Coming up in 2017!

- 28th February **Arkholme PTFA Boden Party** 9.30am to 5.00pm
- 7th April **Dough!** 2.00pm
- 7th May **Montreal Guitar Trio** 7.30pm
- 24th June **PBFA Book Fair** 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 22nd July **Arkholme Village Sports Day**

Look out for:

Autumn Charity Gala Dinner, Bonfire Night, Children & Adult Christmas parties.

Visit our website www.arkholme-village-hall.co.uk or follow us on social media to find out more. More events will be added throughout the year

Bookings

As well as our regular users and home grown events, the hall is popular for wedding receptions, birthday parties and other events. During 2016 the hall took 41 private bookings, including: 6 wedding receptions, 1 christening party, 3 adult birthday parties, 14 children's birthday parties and the 2 annual charity fund raisers: fashion show (Mencap) and Jumble Sale (Arkholme PTFA and Unique Kidz & Co). We dealt with over 1000 emails last year alone!

If you are interested in booking the hall or perhaps hosting an event, more details can be found on our website.

We need volunteers to collect 150 club money. If you can help please contact Emily on 07824 349276

Bar Services

We are very pleased to be working in partnership with local award winning



restaurant Mialtalia to provide a professional bar service at the hall for community events and private bookings. This new partnership has brought a fresh new look to the bar area, improved the quality and range of products without significantly increasing in price, cut down on wastage and the AVH charity benefits from receipt of a proportion of the takings each time the bar is open.

The new contract was signed in July 2016 and since then the service has gone from strength to strength. Across all the private and home grown events in 2016 the bar was opened a total of 21 times and forms an important part of the service we offer to hirers of the hall.

Montreal Guitar Trio Sunday 7th May, 7.30pm

Described by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as the "hottest" guitar ensemble in Canada, MG3 has quickly established itself as a band to be reckoned with, as well as an interactive force in various musical forms. For over 15 years, the trio's virtuosity, rigour, creativity and impressive stage presence – where humour and audience interaction go hand in hand – have been winning over listeners around the world.

See website for details

Volunteering



2016 saw the launch of our 'Many Hands' initiative. This is an informal group allowing members of the local community to contribute to maintenance, upkeep and running of the premises in a flexible and informal way.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed!

If you can spare a small amount of time to help with odd jobs, events or the day to day running of the hall do get in touch or join us for one of our regular 'Womble' days.

Village Defibrillator

In November 2014 the Jumble Sale organised by Karen Charlesworth and her team helped raise over £1,200 to purchase a defibrillator for the village. A grant of £500 was also secured from the British Heart Foundation. A HeartSafe defibrillator is now sited in a cabinet positioned on the outside of the hall and can be accessed in event of an emergency.

A successful training event supported by Lunesdale Surgery took place on 17th September and was attended by 17 volunteers from the local community.

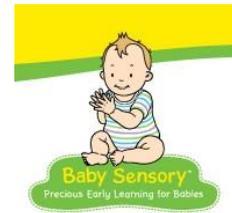
Purchase of a training kit has now also been made available by a donation of £319 from Lunesdale Rotary Club; this will allow further training courses to be provided in the future.

Hall Maintenance

In addition to general ongoing day to day maintenance of the hall our major project last year, was refurbishment of the main hall floor. The main hall was closed for two weeks in August while the floor was striped, sanded and varnished. This work was part funded by a donation of £1,000 from Dave 'n' Rodge's farewell event in 2014.

Award winning baby sensory classes

Starting Tuesday 24th January
10.30-11.30am age 6-13 months
11.45-12.45am age 0-6 months

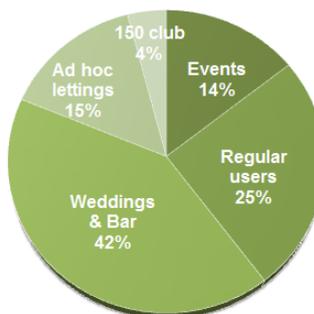


Website and social media

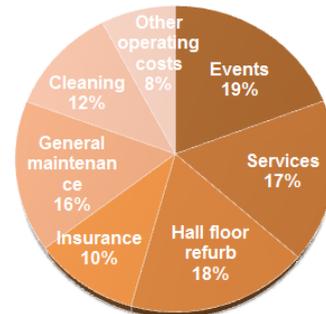
The AVH website www.arkholme-village-hall.co.uk has really come into its own this year, receiving over 13,500 visits over the course of the year. Our Facebook (@ArkholmeVillageHall) and Twitter (@AVHNews) accounts are also popular and allow up to date information to reach our customers.

Finance and Accounts

AVH accounting year runs 1st November to 31st October. For the year 2015/16 total income was £29,735 and Expenditure was £26,632 with a retained surplus of £3,103.



Income 2015/16



Expenditure 2015/16

These pie charts show the broad categories of income and expenditure for the last financial year.

Remember you're a Womble!

Our Many Hands group hold Womble Days 4 times a year to carry out maintenance tasks and deep clean the hall.

These are fun, informal days and refreshments are always provided. Do get in touch if you'd like to get involved. No special skills are needed, just a small amount of time and enthusiasm.

Our next Womble Day is planned for:

**Sunday 5th March
from 10.30am**

