

AVH News

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Welcome! In this issue we take a look back over the past year's activity at Arkholme Village Hall and provide some of the highlights as presented at our AGM on 16th March 2018. We will also update you about some exciting events and opportunities coming up in 2018.

The Wagtail Wheelers present...

A fun-filled fundraiser in memory of Trina Pardula

Saturday 19th May from 6.30pm

Food served at 7pm
Music and dancing to *Abba A Rival*
Auction, Raffle

Tickets: £10

www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/483512
or email wagtailwheelers@gmail.com



Classes and Groups

The majority of our bookings on weekdays are by the 12 classes, groups or other users that hire the hall on a regular basis. These groups include school, playgroup & toddlers, TurnAround children's creative dance, the parish council, Young Farmers, Women's Institute, lunch club, Pilates, Scottish country dancing, Post Office and a private badminton booking.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Zoe with her Mindful Yoga class on Tuesday afternoons.

We currently have a few weekday slots available, contact us if you are interested in making a regular booking.

Many thanks to all our users for their continued support and use of the hall

Hall Maintenance



In addition to general ongoing day to day maintenance of the hall our special projects last year were repainting throughout the building and cleaning and fireproofing the curtains.

Events

In 2017 we hosted 9 home grown or jointly organised events including those organised by our own Events Group and Children's Party Group. These included a ceilidh, bonfire night, village sports day and Christmas parties.



In previous years AVH has hosted entertainment provided by 'Spot On', Lancashire's rural touring network, several times a year. Attendance at these has often been low and our Events group has taken the decision to only bid for events if they are suitable for a wide cross section of the local community and at popular times. Unfortunately we are competing against bigger and better attended venues in this respect so there have not been any successful bids during 2017. We will be bidding later in the year for the Spring 2019 programme.

At the 2017 AGM the community voted to support St John's Hospice at our annual charity fund raiser. This has been postponed in support of the Sarcoma UK fundraiser on 19th May. St John's Hospice will be supported at a spring ball in May 2019.

Coming up in 2018!

- 14th May *Parish Council AGM*
- 19th May *Wagtail Wheelers Charity Fundraiser in aid of Sarcoma UK*
- 23rd June *PBFA Book Fair*
- 7th July *Village Sports Day*
- 8th September *Village Ceilidh*

Look out for Bonfire Night and Children & Adult Christmas parties later in the year.

Visit our website www.arkholme-village-hall.co.uk or follow us on social media to find out more.

Bookings

As well as our regular users and home grown events, the hall is popular for wedding receptions, birthday parties and other events. During 2017 the hall took 67 private bookings, including 8 wedding receptions.



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

New for 2018!

Mindful Yoga

Tuesday 2.00-3.15pm during term time.

Booking essential.

www.yoga-shiatsu.co

or phone Zoe on 07485 214210



Bar Services

mialtalia

We are very pleased to continue to work in partnership with local award-winning restaurant Mialtalia to provide a professional bar service at the hall for community events and private bookings. The AVH charity benefits from receipt of a proportion of the takings each time the bar is open. Across all the private and home grown events in 2017 the bar was opened a total of 18 times and forms an important part of the service we offer to hirers of the hall.

During 2017 our contract with Mialtalia was extended to include a hall management and bookings service. We are pleased to welcome Katy who is now liaising with customers and coordinating hall activity.

Thank you David, Katy and the Mialtalia team for offering such a warm welcome to our guests

Good Luck Wagtail Wheelers!

The Wagtail Wheelers will be cycling from Gretna Green to Arkholme Village Green from 17th to 19th May followed by a fantastic fun-filled fundraiser in aid of Sarcoma UK.



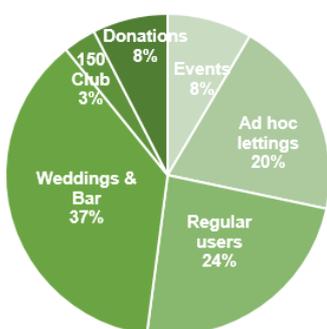
To donate:

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/wagtailwheelers-gretnagreen2arkholmevillagegreen>

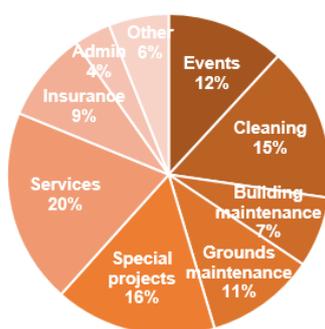
Finance and Accounts

AVH accounting year runs 1st November to 31st October. For the year 2016/17 total income was £29,571 and Expenditure was £24,557 with a retained surplus of £5,014.

Income 16/17



Expenditure 16/17



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

Extra Sparkle

You may have noticed the hall looking especially clean and sparkly recently. We have a lovely new cleaner who has really put a shine on the hall.



Thank you Vicky for all your hard work!

New Furniture

Have you spotted our new look foyer? We have recently invested in new modular seating for our foyer area. This has given the entrance to the hall a fresh new contemporary look and provides more flexibility for users of the hall to arrange the seating to meet their needs. We also raised almost £100 for Sarcoma UK by selling the old seats.

During 2018 we are also planning to replace the main chairs and tables.

Wagtail Playgroup

Do you want to join our wonderful Playgroup or Baby & Toddler group?

For more info contact

wagtailplaygroupandtoddlers@gmail.com or visit www.wagtailplaygroupandtoddlers.btck.co.uk

Volunteering



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Many Hands is an informal group allowing members of the local community to contribute to maintenance, upkeep and running of the Village Hall 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 or events do get in touch or join us for one of our regular 'Womble' days where we carry out maintenance and deep clean tasks.

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.



Website and social media

The AVH website www.arkholme-village-hall.co.uk has received over 19,500 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.

