
WESTHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Summer Newsletter 2019

Activities

Managing the bookings at the hall is very rewarding and I have had the pleasure of meeting many people I would not otherwise have crossed paths with. The diversity of the groups using the hall for a wide variety of activities is great, and to me it's what 'community' is all about.

We have a weekly light exercise sessions for the older and less mobile, through to Yoga and Pilates for the more flexible. There are classes to support young people preparing for GCSE exams, a weekly Beavers group and a children's dance class. Other regular groups are Sewing Bee, Quilting Group, Knitting Group and Art Courses. We are also the base for LINUS who make and donate quilts/blankets to the baby unit at the hospital. All of these groups are keen to recruit new members

There is a weekly meeting for Lotus of the Peace Spiritualist Group and Westhead Church run a monthly Community Praise on a Sunday and CAMEO (Come and Meet Everybody) monthly on a Wednesday.

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Further Improvements

A lot of work has been undertaken at the hall this summer. At last we have been able to refurbish the kitchen and it now looks clean, fresh and fit for purpose. So many thanks to all our local tradesmen who have contributed to our purpose of creating a fine local amenity which is there to benefit the whole community. Pictures are available on our website.

We are now seeking further funding so that we can put the finishing touches to the hall interior and begin work on the outside spaces. The garden at the rear has a lot of potential and we would like to create not only an attractive area that would be suitable for outdoor summer parties and barbecues but also a relaxing environment for other types of activities. We would also like to address the kerb appeal of the front of the hall, helping it to become a true focal point for the village. When people mention Westhead it would be great if they thought "Oh that's the place with the nice village hall" (among many other attractions).

But that will take time, money and effort. The current management team are committed to the task but could always do with extra help. So if you think you would like to get involved and make a difference to your community please get in touch using the contact details overleaf.

The hall is extremely popular for private parties and functions. We have had West Lancs Disabled Riding Club, a members Cycle Club and West Lancs & Lancashire County Council holding community meetings and Elections.



But there is still some availability if any group is looking for a venue. Most evenings are booked, though Wednesday and some Fridays are available. The hall does have more time available during the day - Monday afternoon, all day Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There is also some availability at weekends, though this is when private parties are often booked.



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Jon Culshaw at WVH

On Friday 28th June eighty fortunate locals were treated to a performance by TV star Jon Culshaw. Jon has connections with the village and was keen to help raise funds for the ongoing work at the village hall. The show sold out within 24 hours of being advertised. This was perhaps not unexpected but it did put the box office (i.e Carol) under pressure!



The evening itself was a huge success with Jon entertaining the audience with an impressive array of impersonations and anecdotes. Speaking of his early years growing up in Ormskirk Jon also alluded to his family connections with Westhead, including the fact that his grandfather was the licensee at the Halton Castle and that his father was born at The Castle. As he said at the end of the show - "We must do this again". Let's hope we can arrange that.

Annual General Meeting

We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting in the hall on **Wednesday 24th July at 7:30**. This is an open meeting that anyone is welcome to attend. We would actively encourage anyone to come and join our management team. So if you feel that community spirit is important in making the village a better place in which to live then please come along.

Management meetings are held about every six weeks and we are keen to tap into the wealth of skills and experience of Westhead residents. If you would like any more information why not call Steve on (01695) 575866 or email at westheadvillagehall@gmail.com