



Harston Village Hall

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The Trustees of the Village Hall feel that from time to time it would be useful to update our regular hirers by way of a newsletter, and we hope you will appreciate this approach.

Firstly the good news, following a review of budgets by the Trustees there will be no increase in hire charges for regular hirers this year.

Hall Improvements

During 2018 a number of improvements and changes took place

- We completed replacement of the main hall roof which helps heat retention and sound insulation
- We moved the designated smoking area to nearer the High Street end of the building
- We replaced the glass entrance doors operating system following continued breakdowns
- we installed a new hob in the kitchen and a plate warmer was donated by Lunch Club

In 2019 we are looking to complete the following

- replace the two electric ovens in the kitchen
- replace the wall lights in the main hall
- replace the ceiling strip lights in the main hall
- investigate the purchase of an audio sound system for the main hall

Booking Matters

June Boakes who looks after all invoices has moved so if you are sending her a cheque her new address is 27 High Street Harston CB22 7PX.

We have made slight changes to items 6 and 10 in our Conditions of Hire covering closure of the hall for essential maintenance and defining the deposit we take from one off hirers to cover damage etc.

We would remind all regular hirers of the need to advise the booking secretary of any cancellations to their classes to avoid being invoiced. There have been a couple of occasions where hirers have queried their invoices, saying they didn't use the hall on certain days but we could find no advanced notice of cancellation. To date we have not charged for these occasions but we may not be so helpful if it continues.

Parking

We have revisited the arrangement with the company that pay for some of their staff to park on weekdays and insisted that they keep to the back row of the car park and approx half of the gravel area on the Orchard Close side. Without their major financial contribution we would have had to consider increasing our hire rates. However we are monitoring others who use the car park but not whilst visiting the Hall and will take action if necessary.

We have set up an email address feedback@harstonvillagehall.org.uk for members of the public to use when commenting on events, mainly private events and on the running of the hall.

As a further measure to reduce sound we have locked the windows in the main hall on the Orchard Close side and if you need to open windows please open those on the driveway side.

Quiz Night

In order to raise money for refurbishment we organize our own fund raising such as Quiz nights and the sale of cakes at the Saturday Better Brew café on the first Saturday of every month. Our next event is a Quiz Night on Saturday 13th April 2019. People can make up teams on the night so please support us by contacting Brian Nash to buy your ticket bandmnash@hotmail.co.uk or 01223 874321 Cost £10 per person includes food.

We are also planning a Summer family night, a games evening on Saturday 22nd June 2019 so watch out for announcements about that.

If you wish to have a link on our web site to your group's web site to advertise the fact you meet in Harston Village Hall then please contact admin@harstonvillagehall.org.uk

We do value your support and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. A copy will be placed on the Village Hall web site and on the noticeboard in the atrium, but by all means, bring it to the attention of members of your group and if they have any questions or ideas then please contact those below. We welcome feedback from regular hirers such as yourselves.

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