

# Quenington Village Hall

## Newsletter

### October 2014



Quenington Apple Day 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014

#### **Building update**

In the year since our last newsletter, we have continued the hall improvements with the help of a community buildings grant from Gloucestershire County Council and other generous donations, enabling us to install solar panels, make further improvements to the kitchen area to enable food preparation, put up curtains and purchase a projector. We have now completed the main refurbishments and can concentrate on on-going maintenance for the time being. It now looks very attractive and is proving a popular venue for groups, events and private parties. We are very grateful to local building company, White Monk, for their continued support and forbearance over the last 2 years!

Thank you also to Sylvia Morris for the donation of a rose and tub for the hall entrance, and not forgetting the band of volunteer gardeners who keep the front of the hall attractive and tidy!

#### **Hall management**

The village hall is managed by a committee of volunteer trustees and representatives of user groups. It does not receive public funding, so the cost of running the hall is covered by the hire charges, donations and fund-raising. The main duties of the trustees are:

- To deal with hall maintenance and safety matters;
- To manage the hall accounts and fundraise when necessary;
- To offer a venue for local people, community groups and events, recreational and leisure activities.

New trustees are needed so if you would like to get involved in the running of this important village facility, please contact Fran Huckle (01285 750788) or email [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com).

If you don't want to help on the committee, there are other ways of supporting your local hall:

- Help at events;
- Organise new events and group activities;
- Join in maintenance working parties, e.g. gardening; painting;
- Support the 100 Club (for £12 a year your name will go into a monthly draw for cash prizes);

- Hire the hall for your private event – see [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) for full details;
- Come to our regular monthly Saturday coffee morning to meet friends and make new ones
- Come along and support our occasional events

## What's on

### ***Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 8.00 pm - Annual General Meeting.***

We will be reporting on another busy year for the hall and electing the management committee for the forthcoming year.

All welcome, hope to see you there.

### ***Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2 – 5 pm - Quenington Apple Day***

To celebrate Apple Day, we are holding an afternoon of apple-related activities at the hall on Saturday 18th October. These include:

- A talk from a specialist who will also identify your apple varieties and record on a map all the apple trees in the CHQ area;
- An apple press to crush your apples for juice / cider – bring a bucket of apples and a container;  
*NB So that we can allow time for everyone, please contact us on the email/number below to arrange a time slot*
- A nurseryman to give growing and pruning advice;
- Apple games and activities for children;
- Apple pie competition – prize for the best one!
- Art competition for children – paint a picture of an apple tree (prizes for classes age 5 and under; 6-8 years; 9-11 years)
- Tea and cakes served; Raffle

*Bring your competition entries to the hall between 11 and 1 on the day.*

Volunteers to help on the day welcome!

For more information, email : [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call Fran Huckle on 01285 750788. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ***Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014, 2.30 pm - There's A Monster In My Piano***

Q. What do you do when you hear a strange munching noise inside a piano?  
A. Call the Piano Doctor of course.

He might be able to help with his bag full of ears and his collection of weird and wonderful tools. But when he looks inside - the musical notes are packing their bags and running away. What are they scared of and who is hammering at the keys?



Garlic Theatre delights children and adults with this offbeat jazzy tale. Starring puppets, clowning, animation and a very highly strung monster indeed.

"A magical, musical, monsterrific masterpiece!"

For children aged 4 upwards; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: £6 each available from Anne Currie ([currieshome@gmail.com](mailto:currieshome@gmail.com)), Fran Huckle (01285 750788) or Coln Stores.

### ***Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 - The Secret World of Charles Dickens***

Looking ahead to brighten your winter blues, this is a magic show with a new twist by conjuror, Ian Keable. See him perform with Gok Wan on the Alan Titchmarsh Show <http://www.charlesdickensmysteryshow.co.uk/video.html> and put the date in your diary.

### **Monthly coffee morning**

Our regular monthly coffee morning continues on the second Saturday of the month. Come along for home-made cakes, a chat with neighbours and some new reading material from the book exchange! A Parish Councillor is always on hand so you can voice any concerns you have about the village. If anyone would like to contribute cakes, please bring them along – costs will be reimbursed!

Autumn dates are:            11<sup>th</sup> October            8<sup>th</sup> November            13<sup>th</sup> December

### **Hall activities**

Just a reminder of all the groups using the hall on a regular basis - details on our web site: <http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk/page9.htm> or contact Antonia (see below). Please continue to support them – they are fun, a great way to meet people and play a valuable role in our community!

<b>Group or Club</b>	<b>Further information</b>	<b>Meets On</b>
Quenington Baby and Toddler Group	Sally Peachey <a href="mailto:sally@donkeywell.com">sally@donkeywell.com</a>	Mondays 10am - 12 noon
Brownies	Phillippa Griffin 07793 562704 <a href="mailto:ckpgriffin@btinternet.com">ckpgriffin@btinternet.com</a>	Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7.30pm term time only
Happy Beans	Lizzie Skinner <a href="mailto:serendipitysings@btinternet.com">serendipitysings@btinternet.com</a>	Wednesdays 9:30am-10:30am
Pilates Fusion	Your Community Fitness 07817 724878 <a href="http://www.yourcommunity.co.uk">www.yourcommunity.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:ollie@yourcommunity.co.uk">ollie@yourcommunity.co.uk</a>	Wednesdays, 12:30pm-1:30pm £5.00 per session
Thirst Youth Group	Chris Saunders 07918 732040	Wednesdays 6:30 - 8pm
Serendipity Sings Choir	Lizzie Skinner <a href="mailto:serendipitysings@btinternet.com">serendipitysings@btinternet.com</a>	Wednesdays, 8pm – 10pm
Parish Council	Penny Ibbotson Clerk to the Council <a href="mailto:queningtonpc@gmail.com">queningtonpc@gmail.com</a>	2nd Thursday of alternate months: J,M,M,J,S,N 7.30pm

We are also pleased to be able to help the **Cotswold Arcadians** who also use the hall regularly for rehearsal for their very successful annual open air Shakespeare production at Hatherop Castle School.

## **Bookings**

If you have an idea for an event or activity, want to raise funds for a good cause or have a family celebration, please get in touch with our booking clerk, Antonia Faulkner on 07531 879094. Bookings can also be made by email to [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

And you can also reach us via our Facebook page and Twitter (@QueningtonHall)

We look forward to seeing you!

QVH Management Committee  
October 2014

**Visit the web site [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) for more information about your hall.**