



# Quenington Village Hall

## Newsletter

### October 2016

#### Update

This year has been another busy one for the Quenington Village Hall. As well as the regular user groups, it has continued to be a popular venue for children's parties and other celebrations. It has hosted elections and a referendum, willow-weaving classes, reflexology sessions, bring and buy sales and a summer school for children – it has even been used for curtain-making! And as well as our monthly Saturday coffee mornings, we held our second Apple Day in October, whilst in February the amazingly versatile acoustic duo Mambo Jambo enthralled a full-capacity audience, supported by Air in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire).

#### Hall improvements

We have installed a bike rack in the car park, taking advantage of the community Cycle Parking Scheme, supported by Gloucestershire County Council. We have also produced some publicity flyers, to promote use of the hall.

#### User group news

The hall hosts Brownies, the Toddler Group, Pilates, Happy Beans, the Quenington Society, Cotswold Arcadians and Cotswold Oil and Engine Preservation Society. Serendipity Choir has now morphed into K'roake Beans and meets fortnightly. More information and contact details for these groups are on our web site: [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) . There is space for more, so if you want to get something going please contact [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

#### What's on

##### *Quenington Apple Day*

Our third annual Apple Day will take place on **Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 – 5 pm** - an afternoon of apple-related activities, including:

- An apple press to crush your apples for juice / cider – bring apples to press and containers for juice ;
- Apple games and activities for children;
- Children's poetry and art competition \*;
- Seed swap; \*
- Tea, cakes and apple juice.

\*More information and entry forms for the competitions are on the web site: [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) . Bring your competition entries to the hall between 11.00 and 1.00 on the day.

For more information, email: [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call Ruth Parsons 01285 750679. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Annual General Meeting - Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 pm

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 for a glass of wine and chat at 7.00 – business commences 7.30.

## Black is the Colour of my Voice, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 7.00 pm

Looking ahead, we are holding another event in the spring with support from Air in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire).

“Black is the Colour of my Voice” is a one-woman show which follows the fictional character Mena Bordeaux, a successful jazz singer seeking redemption after the untimely death of her father. The play, written and performed by Apphia Campbell, is loosely inspired by the story of Nina Simone.

More details nearer the time...

## Hall management – new trustees wanted!

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 fundraising. 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

## 100 Club – subscribers wanted!

For £1 a month, your name goes into a draw for an exciting cash prize every month, with much better odds than the Lottery – all proceeds go to village hall funds. Contact David Bostock, 01285 750456 to subscribe.

## Having a party?

Some of you may not realise that in addition to hiring the hall, we also hire out chairs and tables for off-site use (subject to their not being required in the hall). We also have a complete set of 50 place settings of white china and cutlery for those occasions when you have more guests than plates! Email [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call 07531 879094 for more information.