Village Hall Vacancy

Stinchcombe Village Hall Vacancy

The Village Hall Committee will shortly have a vacancy for a Treasurer, following many years of loyal service by Sarah Tweed. Sarah is sadly stepping down due to other commitments and the desire to spend more time travelling. The vacancy will start at the AGM in November; however, we hope to get someone sooner to 'learn the ropes' before Sarah departs. Without belittling Sarah or understating the responsibility, the position is mainly keeping management accounts, online Banking and paying suppliers. Working alongside the Bookings officer and producing a summarised Cash flow report monthly. Qualifications are less important but an active roll in account management is essential.

It is an unpaid position as with all the Committee who are also Trustees. We are a registered Charity, so an annual report has to be filed to the Charities Commission with the help of the Chairman. We hold around 8 meetings a year and we would expect the new Treasurer to attend most of these meetings. The Hall has been busier over the past few years and is entering an exciting period of improvements and updating to cater for the increasing demands and future needs of our Community. The successful candidate will be a have an important role and will have a part in it's future success.

Apply in confidence for an informal chat to Charlie Oakhill (Chairman) ***charlieoakhill@hotmail.com***

Charlie Oakhill

07958 474807

Palette Club

Palette Club Membership

Might you be interested in joining us? Wednesday morning in Stinchcombe Village Hall.

We meet and paint together for 2 – 3 hours and enjoy occasional demonstrations, workshops and outings to sketch or visit exhibitions.

Contact ***Angela*** for more information.

Village Hall Improvements Update

Revised Plans after village consultations

Following months of research and discussions the Village Hall Committee with much help from John Pinch and input from the Stroud District Council Planning department, they presented a proposed scheme of improvements at 2 recent consultation meetings.

These improvements are needed to bring this great Village facility up to date and improve for the future. There were

concerns from some residents which are noted in John's report, (see below) John has managed to come up with an alternative scheme and the revised Plans have been uploaded to the Home page of the ***Village Hall website***.

At the consultations it became apparent that many residents are not aware of the activities and classes held at the Hall, the monthly programme is shown as well as details of many of these activities. Also, the most recent Committee meeting minutes are uploaded once approved and a record of the History of the Hall, please take a few minutes to browse the site.

Charlie Oakhill (Chairman Stinchcombe Village Hall)

Stinchcombe Village Hall Improvements. by John Pinch

Rationale leading to the final design for improvements to the Hall

Original design brief:

- Less austere appearance of the hall
- Increased kitchen area with a wider serving hatch
- Larger utility room/storage
- Hospitable entrance hall
- Additional function room larger in floor area to the existing meeting room.

Following revisions to previous designs incorporating the above requirements, a new set of plans was offered for comments and suggestions at two public consultation meetings. The results of comments received were noted and passed to me for consideration in the redrafting and amending of the plans.

Popular suggestions from the audience at the consultation

meetings included.

- **The removal of the stage and use the space for another meeting room.**

However, the stage is deemed a valuable asset and sometimes requested by hirers of the hall, and the floor levels are not compatible with the two adjacent dressing rooms.

- **Creating a new kitchen and meeting room at the rear of the building.**

This was deemed unrealistic and prohibitive because of a clause in the legal deeds.

A *revised design and set of plans have been created*, taking on board the main concerns listed below.

- **There is insufficient space for manoeuvring vehicles adjacent to the new extension.**

To respond to this concern a revised parking layout has been proposed resulting in a reduction in car parking spaces adjacent to the wall by the road. However, this is more than compensated for by the additional car park at the rear of the hall as well as the suggested provision of marked parking bays, maximizing the potential around the front of the site.

An indicative parking bay layout has been included on the ***block plan***.

- **Windows on the first floor overlook the houses in the Buildings opposite. Residents are justifiably concerned over the lack of privacy and the possibility of being**

overlooked.

The two windows on the first floor have been removed and replaced by two dormer windows on the adjacent South West and North East pitches of the proposed extension.

- **The height of the extension is too severe.**

This will be exacerbated by the removal of the two upper floor windows, leaving an unsightly gable façade.

Rather than the full height gable end of the new extension, a hipped roof has been proposed to reduce the visual impact. This will have no major impact on the floor area of the requested additional function room, located above reception and the kitchen. The floor area of this extra room will be approximately 40sq m, compared to 28sq m of the existing meeting room and140sq m of the main hall, creating a very useful space for various functions including playgroups and pilates etc.

- **Inclusion of a WC in the meeting room on the first floor**

It was felt that a WC in the new additional meeting room on the first floor would be desirable, especially if the room was to be used for a playgroup with young children. This meeting room could be carpeted. The toilet has been positioned above the kitchen sink area for drainage purposes and accommodates the limited headroom because of the roof pitch.

- **The poor acoustics in the main Hall should be a higher priority**

It is the intention to incorporate acoustic panels in the main hall as part of the improvement scheme, this was one of the

original priorities but had been deferred due to the costs involved.

John Pinch

December 2022

News from the Village Hall

New additions by the Village Hall

Firstly, The New Bench erected this morning behind the Village Hall in the amenity area in memory of the late Tony Wannell who did so much for our Hall. (His wife Margaret in the photo)



Also, The new Litter Bin erected this morning next to the Bus shelter in The Street

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Christmas Fayre 21

A successful Fayre

The Village Hall Christmas Fayre 2021 was another great success last week-end despite any trial and tribulations due to COVID precautions. One must congratulate the Village Hall committee for putting on such a good annual event which is growing each year. I hear people are already booking for next!

Plenty of local crafts and produce and plenty of local craftswomen and men.

Just some of the comments:

- Lovely morning at the craft fayre, really great stalls and nice to see so many people there xx
- Superb craft fayre! Thank you to the organisers and stall holders, had a good wander around and came away with some lovely items
- Great stalls, got some beautiful watercolour prints which I can’t wait to hang. Also lovely knitwear for the kiddies.
- And we had a lovely Cornish pasty! Great job.
- I bought a lovely tree
- I bought some lovely Christmas presents . Only wish I had stay for tea and cake .

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Crafts Fayre 2021

Crafts Fayre

Stinchcombe Village Hall

Saturday 4 December 2021
10am – 3pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THAT INDIVIDUAL GIFT WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL CRAFT WORKERS

- Gifts & Crafts of all types
- Christmas Trees
- Raffle
- Refreshments

Enquiries 01453 546200

COVID REGULATIONS WILL APPLY

STALL HOLDERS MAY REQUIRE CASH PAYMENTS

Stinchcombe Village Hall Lottery Fundraising

Stroud District Council Lucky Severn Lottery

Stinchcombe Village Hall is raising money to support ongoing projects and general upkeep in these difficult and challenging times. We have joined the Stroud District Council ***Lucky Severn Lottery***.

Lucky Severn Lottery was created in 2021 by Stroud District Council. It is set up to support community projects in the local area. Lucky Severn Lottery operates on the principle of raising money within the community for the community. To empower local good causes to raise money in a fun and effective way. In a time of shrinking budgets and increased community need, Lucky Severn Lottery enables people to support the causes they care most about, helping good causes to connect with their supporters.

How to purchase tickets

- For the Lottery simply follow the link Lucky Severn Lottery.
- Select “play the lottery”
- Search for “Stinchcombe Village Hall”
- Buy tickets

Or just press here!

How it works

- Tickets cost £1 per ticket
- 50p in every pound raised goes directly to the village hall.
- 10p in every pound goes to local good causes
- Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning every week
- Odds are better than the National Lottery and Health Lottery
- Once you have an account at ***Lucky Severn Lottery*** you can buy further tickets supporting other local causes or charities or check up on your winnings. All online.

Currently at the Hall

We have a few small projects to complete, such as CCTV, lower

car park security barriers and lighting, plus the everyday costs associated in running and maintaining this much-loved village asset, such as repairing and decorating the stage area.

1. Following on from our very successful Christmas fare, that saw the new overflow car park almost full for most of the day, we are looking to install the new low-level lighting and CCTV ahead of what we hope to be a busy 2021.
2. For additional security we are also looking to ensure the overflow is more secure by installing two new barriers when not in use.
3. In the Spring, when lockdown permits, we are looking to repair, clean and decorate the stage area.

Anyone interested in helping regarding the painting or more information on the Lottery, please contact David by phone on 07539 286978 or by ***email***

David.