# Village Hall update Dec 2020

## A difficult year

2020 has been a very difficult time for many people with the Covid Pandemic and lockdowns. The Village Hall was not exempt from these effects. There was a 5 month period of no income at all to cover the running costs and maintenance.

However with the benefit of several Grants, some generous donations of Machinery and fuel, we managed to create not only a much larger and much needed overflow Car Park but also a secure Amenity area. These will compliment the Hall for social events during next years Summer months. There are also further enhancements planned for next year.

Tree planting and weeding was carried out by many volunteers. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged for future projects, to help achieve some of the larger labour intensive jobs. The Committee too all have different strengths and as a Team drive projects forward.

The Committee hope that at some point next year after we are able to get back to 'normal', the whole Village will be able to again use the Hall by supporting events or activities. We are so fortunate thanks to previous Committees and volunteers to have without doubt the best Community Hall in the area.

Projects Completed this year include:

- The Car Park
- The Defibrillator
- The Christmas Fayre
- Staying Open!

Charlie Oakhill. Chairman

# Christmas Fayre 2020

## Perseverance and Persistence Pays

It just shows that persistence does pay! – Stinchcombe had the most successful and enjoyable Crafts Fayre on 5th December. Even though we had to change the date and replace some of the stallholders, the sun shone and people really enjoyed a chance to do some Christmas shopping and to meet up with friends and neighbours at our Covid-safe Village Hall.

Thanks to all who came, and all who helped with the preparations, clearance and supporting me in carrying it through in such a difficult year.

## Looking forward to next year

Next year will even bigger and better with even more stalls planned – and, watch this space for further events at the Village Hall.

Margaret Wannell

## A Film of the Day

Mike Henton produced a video for everyone to enjoy the day.

# The results of the Quiz

## A message from the Village Hall Committee

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, I would like to thank everyone who came to the Quiz night on Friday 23rd October. It was a great success and seemingly enjoyed by all. The evening was extremely well organised and attended. Almost as if back to ‘normal times’.

It was a great effort by Nola Bradley and those who organised the event. Making sure to observe all Government COVID-19 guidelines. Also, our thanks must go to Janet and Paul Bartlett as quizmasters who, as always, did a sterling job.

## Funds Raised

The funds raised will go towards the running and maintenance of the Hall. This is most welcome at this time, due to almost no income for 5 months and currently a reduced ongoing income. It was nice to see mainly Stinchcombe Villagers supporting this local event.

## Crafts Fayre

Hopefully Stinchcombe Villagers will be out again on Saturday the 14th November when we will be holding our Annual Crafts Fayre from 10am until 3pm. This year with several new and different stalls and with some stalls under canvas. Hopefully the event will have a real Christmas feel to it.

**Charlie Oakhill**

# Village Hall Autumn Update

## A letter from the Village Hall Committee

Dear Stinchcombe Village Resident,

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, it is a great pleasure to provide you with an update on the excellent progress which has been made regarding the extension of the Village Hall Car Park. Despite the challenges which have been faced this year with the coronavirus pandemic, the initiative to extend the existing car park has continued thanks particularly to the energetic and effective leadership provided by Charlie Oakhill.

In the early spring the purchase of an additional area of land adjoining the Village Hall went ahead with the area subsequently levelled and prepared for later surfacing. This was followed by a tree and hedge planting initiative in April, which was effectively supported by many volunteers from the village who assisted during the period of lockdown. Grassing and fencing the area directly behind the Village Hall has added another attractive dimension to the Village Hall for activities and entertainment when life return to a more normal pattern.

In the meantime, we look forward to the next stage of the development with the start of the tarmac work at the end of this week. Work will commence on Friday 2nd October and should be completed by Wednesday 7th October. In order to minimize the disruption caused, it is anticipated that the working hours will be a little longer than usual with the contractor

making an early start at 7.30 am on 2 days. During the pandemic greater flexibility has been allowed with working hours and we are keen to see this work completed without unnecessary inconvenience.

We look forward to the completion of this new car park facility, which there is no doubt will be of considerable benefit to wider Stinchcombe community.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Kind regards

Your Village Hall Committee

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# Village Hall Car Park Weeding

This coming **Sunday morning the 19th at 10-00am** we will be having 1 more working party to finish off weeding the newly planted trees at the Village Hall Car Park. A few more volunteers would be a great help and I envisage about 1 hour's work to finish off. Just turn up with a pair of Gardening gloves and a large bucket would help.

> *"More hands make light work"*

**Charlie Oakhill**

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# Village Hall Update

Volunteers are needed to assist in weeding the newly planted Trees and Hedge.

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# Village Hall Car Park

What a difference a month during lockdown makes!