



Rural Review

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WELCOME

Woodlands Centre

Edstaston Village Hall

WELCOME to the latest edition of the Rural Review.

I would like to express my Seasons Greetings to all who live in Wem Rural Parish. I hope you enjoy your Christmas activities and family gatherings. Best wishes and good health for 2019.

In the New Year, Wem Rural Parish Council will be carrying out a refresh of the Community Plan. This was written in 2012 and has formed the basis of a working document for WRPC activities. It is now felt that new ideas need to be added and I would like to invite any interested persons to join Councillors in this task. If you don't feel you can devote time then please send us ideas for consideration through the Clerk.

I am pleased to report that litter volunteers have been busy so we won't need to have a formalised litter pick unless there are any problem areas reported. Many thanks.

I hope you enjoy reading about the future plans for the extension of Edstaston Village Hall. The Committee are all volunteers and have worked really hard. I recently attended the Village Hall Quiz, a super event with delicious hotpots. It was very well supported by local people and those from further afield. The money raised will contribute to the future building project. The Chair of the Village Hall Committee is keen to receive your comments, ideas or offers of help.

Liz Vernon,
Chair, Wem Rural Parish Council

Are you enthusiastic about education? DO you have some time to spare? If so, then you may be just the person we need!

We are looking for committed people to join The Woodlands Centre Governing Body

We would welcome applications from people with experience in:

- * Finance (Accountant, Finance Manager etc.)
- * Human Resources
- * Legal (Paralegal, Solicitor etc.)
- * Health and Safety (H&S officer, union rep etc.)
- * Capital projects management

Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of its pupils, together with the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Body

Being a Governor will;

- * develop your skills in strategic management,
- * offer you an insight into the wider perspective of the school,
- * give you the opportunity to make a difference to our school and the outcomes for our pupils.

If you would like to find out more, please contact;
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A DREAM written down becomes a GOAL

A GOAL broken down into steps becomes a PLAN

A PLAN backed by action becomes a REALITY

EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL



The Past

On 16th April 1977 a dream was realised when the brand new Edstaston Village Hall was opened after 3½ years of enthusiastic planning and fund-raising by a strong and determined community.

The new Village Hall was built on the site of the previous "Hut", an ex-World War I wooden service hut. The Hut used to stand on the Old Prees Heath Camp a few miles across the fields from Edstaston. There was a collection among villagers to buy the hut and in 1922 it was re-erected on land donated by the Cholmondeley family at the site of the current hall.

The Hut did yeoman service but by 1973 it was obvious it was beyond repair and a plan was launched to build a new hall. The Village Hall committee began the task of raising the then considerable £20,000 needed for the new hall. Considering this is equivalent to £167,000 in today's money this was a daunting prospect. They set about raising funds with true tenacity, with a white elephant shop, buy-a-brick scheme, bazaars, concerts and even a pancake race. In fact it seems there was little that happened in the community in those years that didn't contribute in some way to the fund. Their sterling efforts along with generous grants meant that by mid 1976 work was started on building the new hall.

The Present

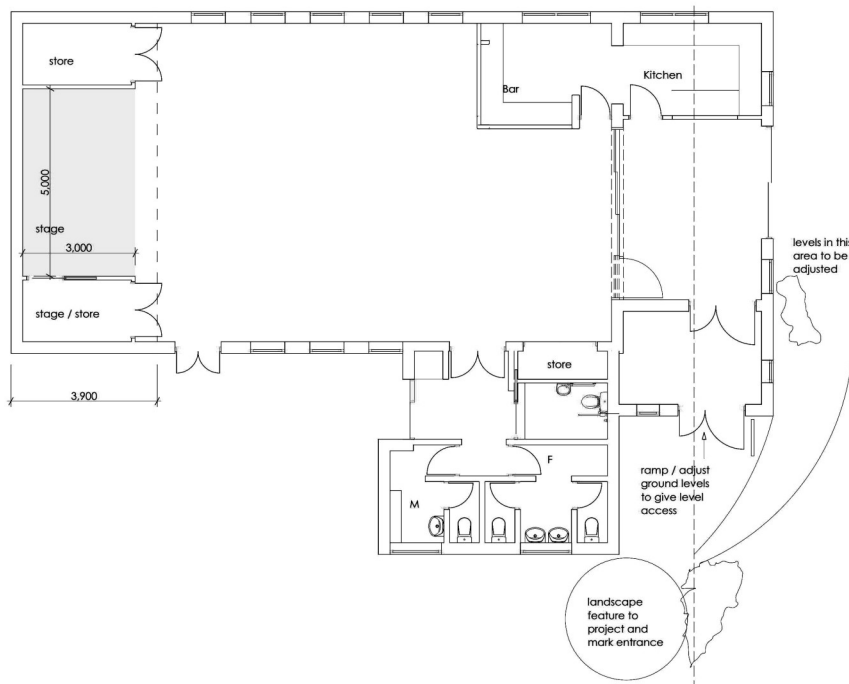
Following the generous donation of land adjacent to the hall by the Price family the Edstaston Village Hall committee is delighted to report that plans have now been approved to provide a disabled toilet, new entrance lobby with good disabled access, well organised kitchen/bar area and stage area together with plenty of storage (see plan above right). The remaining land will be used as a multi-functional amenity area for summer events as well as much-needed space for overflow parking. We hope these improvements will make the hall more widely useful and appealing to ALL members of our community.

We are grateful to the community for their support at our events and numbers just keep growing! Our quiz night (including hotpot supper) in November attracted 19 teams and raised almost £900! Other recent events have included a Mini Beerfest, another quiz (with bangers and mash), a fantastic night with Alfie Moore (of BBC Radio 4's IT'S A FAIR COP series), an Elvis impersonator....

The village hall plays a critical role in keeping the existing community alive and does much to encourage newcomers to feel welcome. Edstaston Village Hall is the only community venue in the whole of the three wards of Wem Rural Parish and people from all parts of the parish come to our events. We are delighted to welcome 5 new committee members: Anna Thomas and Corrine Brown who will share the treasurer role, Trevor Gough, Ruth Williams and Hazel Rees.

Edstaston Village Hall hire charges (which includes use of all equipment including kitchen and bar) are very reasonable and we encourage you to consider using it for parties, meetings, band practices, exercise classes, training, etc.

All day £50 / Half day £30 / Sunday to Thursday evening £30 / Friday and Saturday evening £40. Discounts are given for regular meetings or activities. Contact Sandra Price 07976622654 or sandra-price@lineone.net



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The Future

We now need to invoke the spirit of 1973

Getting the plans approved is just the first step. The committee knows that it will take an enormous effort from the whole community to raise the funds necessary to finish this project.

A schedule of works has been compiled and tenders for building the extension are being invited. Grant applications are being written and will be submitted as soon as possible.

Edstaston Village Hall is a self-funded community facility and all the members of the committee are volunteers donating time and resources to keeping the hall alive. Any of the work we could do collectively as a community will cut the direct costs and make this project more likely to both proceed and succeed.

If you have any experience or skill that could help (such as grant and funding application experience or groundwork, building, fencing, hedging skills) or you could donate time, money or materials, or even if you would just like to be kept up to date on our progress please contact a member of the committee:

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 Elaine Brown 07791853121 / Sandra Price 07976622654
 Liz Vernon 01939 234896 / Don Gregory 01939 233887
 Neale Sadler 01939 232394 / Corrine Brown 01939 234329
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 Hazel Rees 01948 840042 / Carolyn Shingler 01939 235225
 Ruth Williams 01939 233389

NEXT EVENT

Tickets now available

EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL
 presents FOLK/POP LEGEND

Gerry Colvin

"Gerry Colvin must be one of the most endearing and energetic musicians on the planet, just as much at home playing small clubs as he is supporting Status Quo on their Aquostic Live Tour."

"Once seen, never forgotten.
 FUN GUARANTEED!"

EDSTASTON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY
 16th March 2019
 Doors open 7pm for 8 pm start

BAR / FOOD AVAILABLE
£10 ADVANCE / £12.50 ON THE DOOR

Tickets from
 Bev Horsley bev@ryebank.co.uk / Bryn Thomas or Anna Thomas 01939 232505
 or Elaine Brown / Sandra Price / Don Gregory / Liz Vernon / Neale Sadler
 Corrine Brown / Carolyn Shingler

Profits will go towards the upkeep of Edstaston Village Hall



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PARISH COUNCILLORS

12 Councillors represent the 3 wards

EDSTASTON

Liz Vernon	01939 234896	The Park, Edstaston, Wem, SY4 5RF
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Georgia Bruce	07709 065195	Greenbank Farm, Poolhead, Wem SY4 5UH
Pete Slack	01939 236990	Fairview, 7 Paddol Green, Wem, SY4 5QZ

NEWTOWN

Geoff Glover	01939 233357	The Old Stables, 1 The Barns, The Lowe, Wem, SY4 5UE
Stella Whyte	01948 710302	Grange Villa, Northwood, Wem, SY4 5NP

RODEN

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Tim Wilton-Morgan	01939 235703	Palms Hill House, Palms Hill, Wem, SY4 5PQ

Councillors invite members of their ward to contact them to discuss any issues or matters of concern.

You can also contact the Parish Clerk, Carole Warner, Orchard Cottage, Rowe Lane, Welshampton, SY12 0QB 01948 710672 or email clerk@wemrural-pc.gov.uk

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday
8 January 2019

Tuesday
5 February 2019

Tuesday
5 March 2019

Tuesday
2 April 2019

M E E T I N G S

Wem Rural Parish Council meetings are held at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem. The Parish Council occasionally holds Extraordinary Meetings to consider planning applications when the time stipulated for response to Shropshire Council (31 days) does not allow them to be held over to the monthly Council meeting.

Agendas for all meetings are available on the website and are placed on notice boards around the Parish at least 3 days before the meeting.

Members of the community are welcome to attend all meetings and there is time set by at the start to allow you to address the Council.



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