

The management committee is always striving to improve the hall and are currently working towards gaining an 'Hallmark' award. If you have any thoughts on your experience of using the hall any feedback will be welcome.

Please send any feedback, comments or questions to-  
[julieharperuk@gmail.com](mailto:julieharperuk@gmail.com) or [alwingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:alwingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

For future information of events watch the parish notice boards, or the parish website [alwingtonparish.org](http://alwingtonparish.org) or the church newsletter – it contains more than just church news.

## ALWINGTON VILLAGE HALL FAIRY CROSS EX39 5AW



Charity No. 207792

# Newsletter

Alwington Village Hall was built in 1933 for the people of the Parish of Alwington and the wider community.

There are many regular activities which include: -

Short Mat Bowls	Skittles
Yoga	Singing Rehearsals
Band Practice	Sequence/Ballroom Dancing

Also frequently used for: -

- Children's Parties
- Various Family Gatherings – e.g. Christenings, Anniversaries, and post Funeral Gatherings.
- Quiz Nights
- Coffee Mornings
- Assorted fundraising events.

**Dates for your diary: - Village Hall events 2019 –**

- 9<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Hearty Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup> August – Annual Horticultural Show
- 5<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn Hearty Breakfast
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Musical Evening with Mishmash and Friends
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Annual General Meeting

## Regular users: -

### Yoga with Atsuko

Atsuko offers yoga classes and weekend workshops at the Hall.

Weekly classes are on:-

Monday 10am.

Tuesday 7.00pm.

Wednesday 10am.

Friday 10am.

Also 3 weekend yoga workshops every month.



Atsuko has been teaching yoga continuously for over 22 years. She runs friendly classes which suit everyone including beginners.

Please search 'yoga with Atsuko' in Google or Facebook.

Enquiry – 07500 497162 or 01237 451813

[Yogawithatsuko@outlook.com](mailto:Yogawithatsuko@outlook.com)

### Mishmash

Formed in 2009 "Mishmash" is an entertainment group in North Devon whose members love to sing and offer concerts for the elderly and less able. "Mishmash" is a not-for-profit group which offers a lively programme of popular songs, humorous poems and jokes for our audiences.

"Mishmash" welcomes, and would like, new members. The group operates between autumn to spring with fortnightly rehearsals at Alwington Village Hall on a Thursday morning. Every new season starts in September with a challenge to learn new songs before concerts commence in October.

If you feel attracted to the Mishmash ideal and can volunteer for a few hours each month, chat to Ginette on 01237 421274. Working with our group you will meet and make good friends and bring pleasure into someone's life.



*All Village Hall fundraising events are to raise extra funds to help cover everyday costs and extra expenses which may occur, thus enabling us to keep hire charges low & also intended as social events for the community .*

The hall is registered with the Charity Commissioners and is managed by a committee of volunteers including trustees representing St. Andrew's Parish Church, The Methodist Church, Ford, and Alwington Parish Council. Chairman – Mrs. Julie Harper; Vice-chairman – Mr. John Westaway; Secretary – Mrs. Joy Payne; Treasurer – Mr. Edward Johns.

The main facilities are: - The main hall, which measures approx. 45ft. long and 22.5ft. wide; the Committee Room, which measures approx. 13.5ft. x 15ft.; the Skittle Alley, which is independent from the hall, the Kitchen and a disabled toilet, with Baby Change facilities. The car park is large enough for about 25 cars.

If you are interested in hiring the hall charges are as follows: -

Main Hall.....£8 per hour

Main Hall for local regular users.....£6 per hour

Committee Room.....£5 per hour

Use of Kitchen (if serving hot food).....£2 per hour

Children's Parties.....£30

Children's Parties with bouncy castle..£50

**(the hirer must have own insurance for the bouncy castle)**

Weddings/Functions.....£10 per hour

**(plus £60 returnable deposit)**

**(If selling alcohol, a returnable deposit of £100 is required and a license must be obtained)**

All non-regular bookings carry a non-returnable deposit of £10.

To apply for bookings or enquiries please contact

Tel. 07975 841028

OR

e-mail: [alwingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:alwingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Village Hall Events: -

**Spring Hearty Breakfast** – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

Enjoy – Fruit juice, egg, bacon, sausage, hash brown, tomatoes, mushrooms, baked beans, toast with marmalade, jam or marmite and tea or coffee. All waitress served.

Adults £5 (£6 on door) Children £2.

Tickets available from: -

José Burrow, Woodtown, 01237 451508

Sue Leeder, Fairy Cross, 07877 263640

Marian Pope, Ford, 01237 451045



**The Annual Horticultural Show** - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

This is open to all, you do not have to live in the parish.

Schedules will be available from early March, classes will include: -

Cut Flowers; Fruit & Vegetables; Pot Plants;



Fresh Flower Arrangements; Cookery; Photography and Handicrafts. Also, classes for children aged 4 years and under, 5-7 years and 8-11 years.

If you would like to try the 'potato in a bucket' competition, potatoes are now available from José, Woodtown, 01237 451508, or Sue, Fairy Cross 07877 263640, or Marian, Ford, 01237 451045.

**Autumn Hearty Breakfast** – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 9.00am – 1.00am.

Details as for Spring.

**A Musical Evening with Mishmash and friends** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

An evening of popular songs, humorous poems and jokes, with added items from local musicians. All performers give their time freely for the benefit of the Village Hall.

## Alwington Dance Club

Alwington Dance Club was formed in 1974, two local farmers, Charlie Pickard of Ford Farm and Edwin Poole of Moore Park Farm wanted themselves, and their families, to learn to dance in order to make family gatherings more enjoyable. They approached Pat and Cyril Blight and asked if they could teach them. Pat had just undergone major surgery for breast cancer and was under remission and needed to overcome the lack of muscle movement in her arm. Eventually she agreed to form the club providing everyone was careful with her and those attending paid an entrance fee to raise funds for urgent cancer equipment in Bideford Hospital. Numbers soon grew and thus Alwington Dance Club was formed.

Over the years the club has raised thousands of pounds towards the purchasing and provision of cancer equipment in the local area.

Sadly, Pat passed away in 2015, aged 81, but her legacy of Alwington Dance Club is still going strong, now run by her son Adrian and his wife Denise. The main aim is to provide the fun of social and sequence dancing which can be enjoyed by all ages and for the needed funds to be raised for the cause.

In December 2016 the group presented the Village Hall with a defibrillator.

We are always looking for new members so if you would like to try sequence ballroom come along on our dance night, any Thursday evening from September to April from 8.00pm. – 10.00pm. for more information please contact Adrian or Denise on 01237 451749.



## Badminton

A badminton group has recently formed, just for fun, if you would like to join them go along to the hall on a Friday evening between 6.30 and 7.30pm.

## Alwington Parish Council

Alwington Parish Council meets in the Village Hall Committee Room bi-monthly. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm. parishioners are invited to attend all meetings of the Parish Council, and during the public session can raise local issues for investigation or action by the council.

In May 2019, there will be an opportunity for Parishioners to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, Malcolm Harris, e-mail: [parishclerkalwington@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkalwington@gmail.com)

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

## Skittles

There are two skittles groups, the Men who meet on Monday evening and the Ladies meet on Wednesday evenings. This may change if there is an away match. New members are always welcome, if you would like to know more please contact: – Eddie Poole – 01237 451396 OR  
Mrs. Val Westlake – 01237 421228

## Soul Intention

Soul Intention is a ten piece soul band playing soul, rock and dance classics. The band is made up of bass and lead guitars, drums, keyboard, 3 saxophones and trumpet, with one female and one male singer. The band was started about 3 years ago by Trevor Davis following a letter in the 'Gazette'. Since then they have been playing at many different venues in North Devon for corporate events, weddings, birthday parties and charitable events.



The band has been rehearsing in Alwington Village Hall ever since. If you would like to hear more, or are interested in booking the band, please contact [penny@soulintention.org](mailto:penny@soulintention.org) or telephone 01271 860379.

## Short Mat Bowls

The Bowls Club runs on a Wednesday Evening starting at 7.30pm. A small social club that would welcome anyone who would like to pop along for a roll up.



## Fund Raising: -

### Events booked so far this year: -

Quiz Night – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, starting at 7.00pm.

Teams of 6, £7 per person to include a bread & cheese supper.

Feel free to bring your own drinks and glasses.

For bookings or more information contact Christine on 01237 451684.

Proceeds to 'Torrige Volunteer Cars'.

If you are unable to come and would like to make a donation please contact Christine as above.

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Quiz Night – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at 7.00pm.

Teams of 6, £6 per person.

Refreshments will be served with tea and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own drinks & glasses.

To book a table or for more information ring Annie 01237 478733

Proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Andrew.

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