

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

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, or other ideas of activities, will be welcome. Please send any feedback, comments or questions to:-
julieharperuk@gmail.com or alwingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

For future information of events watch the parish notice boards, or the parish website alwingtonparish.org or the church newsletter – it contains more than just church news.

ALWINGTON VILLAGE HALL

FAIRY CROSS

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Charity No. 207792

Newsletter

2020

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
Badminton	

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 2020 –

21st March – Spring Hearty Breakfast
8th May – V.E. Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations
11th July – Flower Arranging Demonstration
15th August – Annual Horticultural Show
10th October – Autumn Hearty Breakfast
4th December – Musical Evening with Mishmash and Friends
27th November – Annual General Meeting

Regular users: -

Yoga with Atsuko

Atsuko offers yoga classes:-

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 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

Soul Intention

Soul Intention is a soul band playing soul, rock and dance classics.

The band was started about 4 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 rehearses regularly in Alwington Village Hall.

If you would like to hear more, or are interested in booking the band, please contact penny@soulintention.org or telephone 01271 860379.

Autumn Hearty Breakfast – Saturday 10th October, 9.00am – 1.00am.

Details as for Spring.

A Musical Evening with Mishmash and friends – Friday 4th December 7.00p.m.

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

Entry free, but donations towards the running cost of the hall would be appreciated.

Tea/Coffee and biscuits £1.

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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, they are 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, (also Trustee for St. Andrew's Parish Church); Secretary – Mrs. Joy Payne; Treasurer – Mr. Edward Johns. Committee members – Mrs. Valerie Westlake, Mrs. Marian Pope (Trustee for the Methodist Church); Mrs. Sue Leeder; Mrs Suzanne Guest; Mrs. Sam Harris; Mrs Shelly Harris; Mrs. Christine Moore (Trustee for the Parish Council); Mrs. Lizzie Breese; Mrs Alison Browning.

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 toilets also a separate disabled toilet, with Baby Change facilities. The car park is large enough for about 25 cars.

Village Hall Events (cont.): -

Spring Hearty Breakfast – Saturday 21st March, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

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

Adults Tickets £6, £7 on door. Children £2.

Tickets available from: -

José Burrow, Woodtown, 01237 451508

Sue Leeder, Fairy Cross, 07877 263640

Marian Pope, Ford, 01237 451045



Flower Arranging Demonstration – Saturday 11th July, 2.30 – 4.30p.m.

Sandra Huxtable will demonstrate two arrangements, one of which will be from the Horticultural show schedule, she will also give tips and advice. There will also be an opportunity to have a go for yourself. £5, Tea/coffee.

The Annual Horticultural Show - Saturday 15th 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 available soon at 20p each, from José, Woodtown, 01237 451508, or Sue, Fairy Cross 07877 263640, or Marian, Ford, 01237 451045. They will also have show schedules.

Alwington Dance Club

Alwington Dance Club was formed in 1974 by Pat and Cyril Blight, at the request of two local farmers. Pat had just undergone major surgery for breast cancer and was under remission. 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.

New members always welcome 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

Torridge Branch, Parkinson's UK,

A charity support group for people affected by Parkinson's, formed in 1996 by local GP Dr. Tom Candler, Rev. Peter Nock and Joe Chappell. It is an integral part of Parkinson's UK, but is completely self-funding, grateful for any donations and rely on help from volunteers and branch members in supporting all activities.

The branch continues to provide support and a range of events and activities for local people living with Parkinson's, Carers and Family members, including exercise classes; movement to music class; shanty singing group; quarterly lunches; outings; specific group meetings; skittles; annual cream tea and much more. Monthly coffee mornings have been held since 1996, the event has grown over the years and has recently moved to Alwington Village Hall, meeting the first Thursday of each month at 10.00 a.m.

If you would like more details and could offer to help, please call Julie Jones on 01237 478128.



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

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.



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.



Badminton

A, just for fun, badminton group meets on a Friday evening between 6.30 and 7.30pm. if you would like more information phone 01237 451053.

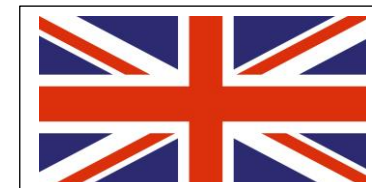
Skittles

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

Alwington Parish Council

Alwington Parish Council meets in the Village Hall Committee Room bi-monthly 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.

For further details see the parish website, the parish notice boards or contact the Parish Clerk, Mr. Malcolm Harris, e-mail parishclerkalwington@gmail.com



Special Village Hall Event: -

May Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May

VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

You are **all** invited to a family fun day in the Village Hall to celebrate 75 years since VE Day at the end of the 2nd world war.

There will be fun, activities, games, quizzes, puzzles, music and food. Pop in for all or part of the day from 11.00 a.m. to 10.00p.m. there will be jacket potatoes (with assorted toppings) or home-made soup for lunch, and a light tea. Fred Noyce will be playing nostalgic music on his organ during the afternoon, and Adrian Blight will be playing dance music during the evening.

No-one is too old or too young, there will be something for everyone. We are also hoping to have a display of some Alwington Activities over the years therefore if you have any photos which may be of interest please inform one of the Village Hall Committee Members or Hilary Dodge.

There will be no charge, but donations towards the running cost and maintenance of the hall would be welcome.

