

The Community Centre for Ashwellthorpe & Fundenhall

The Chair's Monthly Update – Volume 1

Welcome to our very first community newsletter.

Following requests from many of you, we felt it was time to create a simple way to keep everyone up to date with what's happening at the Hall. Each month, we'll share updates on recent events, what's coming up, and a few dates for your diary.

A Growing Community Hub

Since opening in April 2022, the Hall has gone from strength to strength. It's been wonderful to see more and more people using the space, whether for private celebrations, corporate events, or regular weekly activities.

We now host a wide range of sessions, including:

- Line Dancing
- Badminton
- Dodgeball
- Boogie Bounce
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Dog Scenting

...and we're always looking to expand what's on offer.

Recent Highlights

Alongside our regular Craft Fair, our recent Easter Egg Hunt was a real success. It was fantastic to see so many families come together, with children enthusiastically taking part (and enjoying their well-earned chocolate prizes).

A special thank you to Jacqueline Ives for the brilliant face painting, which was a huge hit.

This event was fully funded by the Hall, with generous donations of chocolate bunnies from Waitrose and Morrisons. It was our way of giving something back to the community, and it was lovely to see it so well supported.

Regular Events

Our Monthly Quiz Night is now up and running on the last Friday of every month, hosted by our Treasurer, David Jefferies.


It's already becoming a popular and competitive evening, with teams joining us from across the area.

- £10 per table (up to 6 people)
- Prizes for the winning team
- Bring your own drinks and snacks

If you'd like to join in, simply visit our website to book your table.

What's Coming Up

Schools Out – Family Event

 18th July

This promises to be a fantastic day for all ages, including:

- Music
- BBQ
- Stalls
- Face painting
- Games
- Dancing
- And a few surprises we'll reveal closer to the time

We're planning for this to be an outdoor event, with indoor space available if the British summer has other ideas. There will also be a licensed bar, along with teas, coffees, and refreshments throughout the day.

Looking Ahead

We're also in the early stages of planning:

- A quarterly Sunday Market with breakfast options
- A Family Disco Night

More details will follow soon, so do keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and our website.

Hall Updates

Disabled Parking

New signage has now arrived and will be installed over the coming days.

Tennis Courts

Some of you may have noticed that the fencing around the tennis courts isn't quite as straight as it should be, despite being relatively new.

We want to reassure you that this is being looked into, and we are working behind the scenes to understand the issue and find the best solution.

In Bloom Grant

We've applied for a grant from SNDC as part of an "In Bloom" initiative. Fingers crossed this will be successful and allow us to enhance the space, including giving our Christmas tree some much-needed company.

A Final Note

As a committee, we are committed to making the Village Hall a vibrant and welcoming space for everyone in our community.

Whether you attend an event, hire the space, or simply come along to an activity, you are part of what makes this place so special.

If you have an idea or event, you feel would benefit the community, we would genuinely love to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you at the Hall soon.

Wendi McLean
Chair