



ROCK VILLAGE HALL

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Welcome to issue 8 of Rock Village Hall Newsletter, thank you to those who have signed up to receive the newsletter and please continue to inform your neighbours and friends of how to sign up to the mailing list so we can continue to use it as a form of communication to the local community. Email rvhcoordinators@gmail.com to join.

Rock Village Hall News.

Goodbye Len, Carol and Elysha

In August Len Pitman resigned as a Trustee of the Village Hall. Len has been a dedicated and much-loved member of the Rock Village Hall Committee for many years, and his hard work has left a lasting mark on our community. From managing the hall's garden maintenance to raising impressive amounts of money through his ever-popular bric-a-brac stalls at Rock Show, Len's contributions have been invaluable. Although he officially resigned, he has continued to support us wholeheartedly—whether by lending a hand to fellow committee members or helping with leaflet deliveries. Len, we will miss your energy and commitment enormously, but something tells us you'll never truly escape Rock Village Hall!

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Carol, who has served as our Booking Secretary for many years. Carol has been a vital part of Rock Village Hall, ensuring that everything ran smoothly behind the scenes and supporting the hall's activities with dedication and care. Her hard work and commitment have been greatly appreciated, and she will be very much missed. On behalf of everyone on the committee, we wish Carol all the very best for the future.

We would also like to share that Elysha, one of our cleaners, has finished up with us as she begins studying to become a teacher. Elysha has been with us for just over a year, completing many cleans during this time and even stepping in to cover a maternity leave position. We are so grateful for her hard work, reliability, and care, and we wish Elysha and her family all the very best as they embark on this exciting new chapter.

Cancellation of Rock Show

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel Rock Show 2025 due to new and unachievable requirements from our insurance provider. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every single person who has supported Rock Show over the years—whether by helping to organise, volunteering your time to run stalls, delivering flyers, collecting tombola prizes, hanging bunting, helping with set-up and tidy-up or supporting us by attending the show and enjoying it. Your dedication, energy, and community spirit have been the heartbeat of this event.

We are incredibly proud of what we've achieved together—bringing the community a fun-filled, family-friendly day that was welcoming and accessible to all and has been running for over 40 years! It was disappointing not to see it go ahead as we had hoped this year. We are looking into a new family event to run in 2026—if you'd like to be involved or have any ideas please get in touch!

Rock Village Hall News Cont...

A Plea for your Support

Rock Village Hall has always been at the heart of our community—a place for celebrations, gatherings, and groups of all kinds. We are very lucky to have such a beautiful, eco-friendly building, but this also means it is expensive to run. The running costs of the hall have risen significantly, and it now takes approximately £40,000 a year just to cover day-to-day expenses. This figure does not include maintenance, repairs, or replacing equipment and in the last 6 months we have had to spend a significant amount of money on essential repairs. Weddings remain our main source of income, and we are working hard to keep these bookings strong so the hall stays financially viable both for the community and for the couples who choose to use our beautiful hall for their wedding venue.

To keep Rock Village Hall open and active, we are asking for help from our community in the following ways:

- New Committee Members – We need people with enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved in helping to manage the hall. This includes supporting events, overseeing the day-to-day running of the hall, and keeping on top of finances and maintenance.
- Volunteers – If you can spare some time for gardening, small maintenance tasks, or lending a hand at events, your help would be hugely appreciated. In the warmer months we are desperate for some support in watering the flowers in the garden area – are there a few dog walkers who'd be happy to take turns to watering the flowers on a morning or evening?

We are determined that Rock Village Hall will continue to be a welcoming hub for everyone and we strive to continue to provide events for the community. Sadly we lost Rock Show this year but are looking into other alternatives for 2026. After a year of lower attendance at some of our events, we have had to make changes, including reducing music nights which have unfortunately run at a loss this year. We are working with Rock Church to provide monthly Community Coffee Mornings over the winter—giving people a warm space to meet, catch up, and share a drink together. Our Saturday coffee mornings will also continue, along with the much-loved free children's Halloween and Christmas parties, and the Family Festive Event, which was such a success last year. We are also finalising details for another visit from the Animal Man during October Half Term—once confirmed, information will be shared on our Facebook page and website.

We remain proud to support the many local groups who use the hall, enriching our community with activities for all ages and strive to keep their hall rent fees as low as possible. Without more support, however, the future of the hall will be at risk. Please, if you can spare any time—whether it's to join the committee, volunteer in the garden, help with small jobs, or even just lend a hand occasionally—do get in touch with our Coordinator, Emma via phone or email – rvhcoordinators@gmail.com or 07774262988.

Rock Village Hall belongs to all of us. With your support, it can continue to serve as a place where our community comes together for many years to come. Thank you so much for your time and for anything you can do to help.

Fundraising for a New Community Defibrillator

Rock Village Hall is proud to manage and maintain the community defibrillator located at the Rock Cross Inn. This vital piece of equipment has the potential to save lives, but is aging and will need to be renewed in the future. Unfortunately, replacement is costly and will require some fundraising.

We are reaching out to our community for support — if anyone would be willing to take the lead on organising or coordinating some fundraising activities to help us renew our defibrillator, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can ensure this life-saving equipment remains available for everyone in our village. Please get in touch with Emma if you are able to help.

Future Events



ROCK VILLAGE HALL

Community Coffee Mornings

10.30am - noon



Saturday 13th September

Saturday 11th October

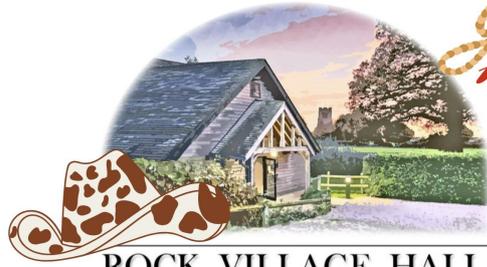
Saturday 15th November



Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee, cake and bacon cobs. Come along and get to know your neighbours

Please contact Steph on 07895623048 to pre order your bacon cobs.

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ROCK VILLAGE HALL

A Night of Country Music

with....

Louise Hannah



Raffle raising money for..



Saturday 13th September 2025

Doors Open 7.30pm, Starts at 8.00pm.

Licensed Bar Available

Tickets:

£10 per person

Under 16s are FREE!



Scan the QR code to book online by 12th September

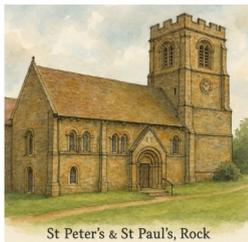
Contact Fran Cratchley for further details: 07527 541400
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ROCK VILLAGE HALL

Community Coffee Morning

Hosted by Rock Village Hall and Rock Church.



St Peter's & St Paul's, Rock



11.30am - 1.00pm

Thursday 18th September

Thursday 16th October

Thursday 20th November



Come along to our Community Coffee Morning for a friendly chat, a hot drink, and the chance to connect with neighbours old and new.



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Friday 10th October

7:30pm Start

Traditional Pen/Paper Quiz hosted by Jay Adkins

Teams of up to six

£2.50 per person

Please scan the QR code to book your team online by 3rd April or pay on the door.



Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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Future Events



ROCK VILLAGE HALL CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Free party for children and grandchildren of Rock Parish

Saturday 25th October
2:00pm-4:00pm



Entertainment including disco and magic show.

Prize for best fancy dress!

Please book a space with Fran Cratchley by 18th October
07527 541400



ROCK VILLAGE HALL

Live Music Night

The Lemon Twists

Saturday 15th November 2025
Doors Open 7.30pm, Starts at 8.00pm.



Tickets:
£10 per person
Under 16s are FREE!



Scan the QR code to book online by 14th November.



Bringing you an eclectic mix of hits from the 60's. Tunes to keep your dance floor movin' & groovin', or just sitting, listening & singing along. Prize for best dressed!!

Contact Fran Cratchley for further details: 07527 541400
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Christmas BINGO

Friday 28th November

Doors open 7:30pm
First call 8:00pm
No need to book, pay on the door.



Fantastic prizes to be won, a raffle and a cash prize round!



Light refreshments will be available. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

For prize donations please contact
Sue Hopkins
01299 266390 or 07816 490400



Rock Village Hall Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November
11-3pm



Local craft, food and drink stalls.
Refreshments available.

Rock Village Hall, Porchbrook Road, Rock. DY149SD





Star Volunteer



* Len Pitman*

A Huge Thank You to Our Star Volunteer – Len Pitman!

We are incredibly grateful to Len Pitman for his dedication, hard work, and countless contributions to Rock Village Hall and the wider community. While we're very sad to see him step down from the Village Hall Committee, we cannot think of anyone more deserving of this quarter's Star Volunteer Award.

Len, thank you for everything you've done – your time, energy, and support have made a real difference. You will be greatly missed!

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Have Your Say!

We welcome your views and suggestions for future events, improvements, what you'd like to see the village hall do next...

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