

Dilton Memorial Hall

Life at the hall has returned to as near normal as is possible. Users are asked to continue to be careful by opening windows for ventilation, wearing masks when with people they do not usually mix with, using hand sanitiser and wipes on equipment. This will continue to be “normal” practice.

Bookings are going well, with all our regular users in action, plus other events, especially birthday parties, at the weekends (see more about this later). The Management Committee is currently looking at the possibility of installing Wifi and a hearing loop, as well as investigating the licensing requirements for using our excellent equipment.

We need help with a couple of things....

- The accounts need auditing, so we are looking for someone with the qualifications/skills to perform the job. We are assured that it's not a big or complicated job and we are prepared to pay, so if you would be able to help, please contact us. Our thanks to Maureen for doing the job until now.
- The garden needs tidying up – still! Unfortunately, the back garden isn't a useable space, but is quite an eyesore for the neighbours – and the side/front is also looking pretty tatty. We would like to have a good clear up and make the area into a haven for wildlife and flowers. This will involve moving quite a bit of rubbish by wheelbarrow to a skip. I know of a few young residents that will probably volunteer, which will be brilliant, but the more the merrier! So, again, please contact us if you can help.

Two events to look out for....

10/04/2022 2.30pm Tea dance, featuring Sticky Toffee Jazz. Join the management committee to celebrate the hall's centenary with an afternoon of great music with a mix of jazz, swing and blues. Dress to impress, bring your dancing shoes and enjoy a cream tea. Tickets are free, but limited to 50, and we will be encouraging people to make a donation to charity on the day. Contact Kathy Hutt on 01373 301656 or Sonja Harris on 01373 464081 to reserve your tickets.

23/04/2022 7.30pm An evening of country, rock and pop, featuring local bands Coyote Country and the Band of Others Tickets at £5 each are now on sale from Crowning Glory, Fairfield Farm café or online at Eventbrite via @coyotecountryband. Licensed bar available.

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2022/2023

At the January PC meeting members resolved to make no increase to the Council's precept for 2022/23. The precept therefore remains the same at ££31,259 per annum. Householders will see no increase in the amount paid to Dilton Marsh Parish Council in the coming financial year.

NEW NOTICEBOARD OPPOSITE THE MEMORIAL HALL

The long awaited noticeboard has now been installed. Please leave any notices in the plastic wallet behind the board. Where possible, please laminate your notices in an A5 size.

Work to repair the damaged noticeboard opposite The Prince of Wales pub is currently underway and it is hoped the board will return home in the next few weeks.

COUNCIL AWARDS COMMUNITY GRANTS

Two grants were awarded at the February meeting. The first to the Dilton Marsh Flower and Handicraft Show and the second to the Dilton Marsh Community Group. Both grants were in support of community events – the annual Flower and Handicraft Show and the Platinum Jubilee celebration events.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend our meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall.

TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Clerk – Nicola Duke – 81 Studland Park, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3HN – 01373 864127 – clerk@diltonmarsh-pc.uk.