Walton Village Hall Committee Report to Parish Council January 2023

Christmas

Thank you to the Parish Council members & the volunteers who helped put up and take down the Christmas tree outside the Hall, it looked great & your efforts were much appreciated.

Tearoom

You will probably have heard that Helen Armstrong has sadly decided not to renew her tenancy with the tearoom. Helen has worked very hard over the last four years to help build a real sense of community through the tearoom, and she will be a hard act to follow.

In the short term, the Hall Committee, along with Glenys Simpson, Jenn Blair & other volunteers are going to open the Hall to the community on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings for coffee and a catch up as we all recognise that people will miss having a place to meet up with others and getting a warm meal. We are keen to keep the sense of community going as best we can. (Fliers in Hall – please pass them on to whoever you think may be interested, or share the Facebook post.) We would like to thank all our volunteers for their help & support with this venture.

In the longer term, the Hall committee are advertising the tenancy, expressions of interest (email <u>emma@waltonparish.co.uk</u> for further details) needed by the end of January. We will interview prospective tenants and hope to have someone in place ready for Easter. Again, please mention this to anyone you think may be interested or share the Facebook post with them.

Future Events

Monday 23 January 2023 7pm Coronation Plans Meeting

The Village Hall will host an open meeting to discuss what people would like to see happen in the Parish to mark King Charles' coronation. Please help encourage as many people as possible to attend so that we can find out what parishioners would like, can involve other community groups & can begin making plans.

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Sunday 29 January 2023 12pm Community Roast Dinner

We are pleased to be able to run this popular event again (a three year break due to covid) for retired people from the Parish. Helen will cook a roast dinner, and Ukes Akimbo will provide the entertainment. Please let anyone know who may be interested.

Friday 17 March 2023 7.30pm 'Old Herbaceous' production

Peter MacQueen, who performed Scrooge here in December, will return with his 'Old Herbaceous' production.

Date TBC Easter Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday 8 July 2023 Summer Doo

Annual event on the Village Green

Also...

Nicola from Tarn Road Nurseries has kindly offered to donate herbs to the village to create a community herb bed that people can use to help themselves to herbs. This would require a raised bed to be made somewhere in the village and then they would bring & plant the herbs (could the school children possibly help with this?). Please let Emma know whether or not this is something you would like to go ahead with. (It could also link to the Old Herbaceous performance.)