

# Quenington Village Hall

## Newsletter

October 2015

### Update

The village hall has had a busy time in the year since our last newsletter. As well as the regular user groups, it has been used on many occasions: for private parties; by the Cotswold Arcadians for their rehearsals; by Cotswold DC for the general election and dog microchipping; by local artist Rupert Aker during the Fresh Air Sculpture Show and for the CHEQS Summer School for children - just a few examples of how versatile the hall is! In addition the committee has held a number of successful social events – Apple Day, a children’s puppet show and an evening of magic - as well as our monthly Saturday coffee mornings.

### User groups

Two new groups have started using the hall: as well as her Happy Beans class for young children, Lizzie Skinner is also introducing Sprouting Beans, a creative group for 9-12 year olds to inspire confidence; we are also pleased to welcome the Cotswold Oil and Engine Preservation Society, which meets on the third Thursday of the month – new members welcome. Sadly, the Youth Club has disbanded, but we still host Brownies, Serendipity Choir, Thirst Youth Group, Pilates (which has expanded to 2 classes) and the Toddler Group. More information and contact details for these groups are on our web site: [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) .

### Hall management –new trustees wanted!

The village hall is managed by a committee of volunteer trustees and representatives of user groups. It does not receive public funding, so the cost of running the hall is covered by the hire charges, donations and fundraising. The main duties of the trustees are:

- To deal with hall maintenance and safety matters;
- To manage the hall accounts and fundraise when necessary;
- To offer a venue for local people, community groups and events, recreational and leisure activities.

New trustees are needed so if you would like to get involved in the running of this important village facility, please contact Fran Huckle (01285 750788) or email [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com).

If you don’t want to help on the committee, there are other ways of supporting your local hall:

- Help at events;
- Organise new events and group activities;
- Join in maintenance working parties, e.g. gardening; painting;☐
- Support the 100 Club (for £12 a year your name will go into a monthly draw for cash prizes);☐
- Hire the hall for your private event – see [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) for full details;
- Come to our regular monthly Saturday coffee morning to meet friends and make new ones;
- Come along and support our occasional events

## What's on

### Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> 2 – 5 pm - Quenington Apple Day

Following the success of last year's event, we will be holding our second Apple Day - an afternoon of apple-related activities. These include:

- An apple press to crush your apples for juice / cider – bring apples to press and containers for juice ;
- Growing and pruning advice;
- Apple tree identification and mapping
- Apple games and activities for children;
- Seed swap; \*
- Apple pie competition – prize for the best one! \*
- Art competition for children – create an apple face\* (prizes for classes age 5 and under; 6 - 8 years; 9 - 11 years);
- Apple tree photo competition for adults and children – with prizes\*;
- Tea and cakes; apple juice and cider.

\*More information and entry forms for the competitions are on the web site: [www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.queningtonvillagehall.org.uk) . Bring your competition entries to the hall between 11 and 1 on the day.

We need volunteers to help on the day please!

For more information and offers of help, email: [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call Anthea Palmer on 01285 750493. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 pm – Annual General Meeting

We will be reporting on another busy year for the hall and electing the management committee for the forthcoming year.

All welcome, hope to see you there for a glass of wine and chat at 7 – business commences 7.30.

### Mambo Jambo, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7 pm

Looking ahead, we are holding another musical event in the spring with support from Air in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire).

Acoustic roots duo Mambo Jambo present a bit of a musical feast. Along with their own songs, the evening may contain New Orleans gumbo stew, bluegrass banjo, French waltzes, funky and percussive sambas, Cuban ballads, some jump jive sax and Balkan clarinet, depending on what mood they, and you the audience, are in! A hugely enjoyable and lively musical treat to liven up the long dark winter, so make a note in your diaries now!

### 100 Club – subscribers wanted!

For £1 a month, your name goes into a draw for an exciting cash prize every month, with much better odds than the Lottery – OK you're not going to win a million, but the proceeds are all for village hall funds! Contact David Bostock, 01285 750456 to subscribe.

### Having a party?

Some of you may not realise that in addition to hiring the hall, we also hire out chairs and tables for off-site use (subject to their not being required in the hall). We also have a complete set of 50 place settings of white china and cutlery for those occasions when you have more guests than plates! Email [queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call 07531 879094 for more information.