

SUMMER NEWSLETTER FOR WERRINGTON PARISH VILLAGE CENTRE



It is great to find that groups who have been suspended or meeting on line or in other ways during the Covid-19 times are now beginning to find their way back to meeting at the WPV Centre, Fitzwilliam Quilters, WI and Local History Group are among those we are glad to see returning

While gladly welcoming many back, we are sad to report that the months of the pandemic have led the Tuesday Club to decide that the time has come to stop meeting, and Groove Cartell (two Wednesdays a month) have found a venue better suited to their needs so have moved there. We're sorry to see you all go but wish you well.

Zumba classes have moved in for the summer, and the Way In, waiting for the sale of the premises in Copsewood and the refurbishing of the Lighthouse Centre, are holding coffee mornings in the large hall twice a week from 11 August and a couple of family fun days on the field as well. The coffee mornings will move to the small hall from September. They are open to all and you will be very welcome to attend.

A revised regular bookings schedule is attached reflecting these changes, and it is a joy also to report that the timing difficulties that threatened on a couple of Thursdays have been largely overcome thanks to everyone's willingness to work together. Playgroup are choosing to close early on a few occasions which is very much appreciated; Mothers Union finish earlier than anticipated most times and that helps; Pulse Dance Group have shifted their times to 4.30-6.00pm and so the problems ease. Co-operation like this really makes everyone's life easier - thank you all.



There are some updates on items we reported on last time:

- We continue our meetings as those who are involved in care and booking of the buildings so that can ensure we are working together well. We didn't have any response to our suggestion that others might like to join us, but we'd still like that to happen. Do let us know at any time if you are interested. We are now authorised by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to offer any of the three buildings we are blessed with as possible meeting spaces for folk to consider when they ask for space- ie the Village and Lighthouse Centres and St John's when it is not being used by the church.
- We hope that the work on the Lighthouse Centre will be taking place before the end of the year but have not been able to start it yet. Youth work continues at the Lighthouse Centre and on the field, and it has been a joy to begin to work more closely with the uniform organisations and make sure this works for everyone.

- Sadly Amo la Pizza ran into difficulties with the City council and, being busy in many other places, will not be coming to us any time soon.
- Now the field is being used more regularly we are realising that gardening and taking care of our surroundings is something that needs thought and prayer. A recent 'gardening day' saw 12 volunteers making a big, and appreciated, difference to the look of the Centre - THANK YOU. We may try to put regular 'gardening days' in the diary but are open to any ideas and suggestions others have about ways we can keep the whole site looking as good as possible.
- There are plans in hand to improve the look of the area around the notice boards and we are seeking to be more green in our sorting and disposal of rubbish. More bins and recycling points are in the pipeline.
- The Centre Manager's office is becoming more of a quiet space with a comfy chair and cushions, books and the beginnings of a prayer tree. We hope it will become more and more a space for prayer as well as organisation. Our thanks to those who ensure there is a new prayer on the notice board each week.



This seems to be a theme coming through this letter and thanks are due to many who keep things ticking along in bookings and management; to Ursula our cleaner and to Playgroup who between them have done a great job keeping the centre clean and safe and alongside them to Stuart and Rachel who have cleaned when

no-one else could. Newton has been there to lock and unlock when Mark couldn't, and of course all of you have played your part as users of the hall in abiding by the ever-changing guidelines, risk assessments and restrictions. Thank you for keeping in touch, whether you were able to carry on meeting or not. As things continue to open up there will be other opportunities to co-operate and help each other and our community.



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Whatever sort of time you are having as the holiday months slip by we are grateful for your support as part of the varied individuals, groups and organisations who use the Werrington Parish Village Centre, Lighthouse Centre and field. Here's to a great autumn term!

Mark (Centre Manager) and Hilary (Bookings Secretary)