



AUGUST 2021 – CHURCH HALL NEWSLETTER.

Dear Friend,

We hope everyone is well and slowly adjusting to life after the anxiety and isolation caused by covid. We pray that this pandemic continues to reduce its impact and fear not just for the UK but for all

Since the slow opening of society we have worked to comply with regulations on management of buildings following covid with gov.guidance on distancing, test/ trace and infection control. We also have complied with risk assessment recommendations and our most up to date one regarding the main hall is available on entry.

There have been times when we felt overwhelmed with the outstanding repairs and at changes outside anyone's control such as when our Playgroup closed after 50 years and other community/businesses folded. However, our commitment and enthusiasm continues to be revitalised by questions about reopening, the creation of the wildflower project, the outdoor activities of our organisations and the new children's activities planned throughout August. The provision of the Food Pantry helping to tackle food short fall is again an example of a shared commitment to keep moving forward.

*We are now planning our return to some normality and **our quarterly newsletter is another step on this road.** We aim to open in September but we all know our building is tired and weary. We knew we could not open without heating and needed to quickly address replacement of the boiler -*

scheduled now for 16th August - outside flagging (completed). Funds for this urgent work were raised by Camino 2, raffles, cake sales, donations but we know we need a massive injection of funds to undertake other key repairs. We remain convinced that this hall is a valuable community resource and ideas on fund raising from all quarters are welcomed no matter how small.

*However, the extent of the work needed is huge and to tackle this we are preparing applications to charities to help with costs. Our recent questionnaire was one of the steps towards this goal. **Thank you if you participated in this.** We will keep you informed as to the results of this exercise and also updates on the application process will be made available both on social media, Rev Paul's newsletter, and on notice boards in the hall.*

*To keep us on track with our opening plans we need **information from you.** We have had requests for sessions from new groups and we need to identify gaps but before we proceed we need an **update on returning groups and date of return.** This information will also assist in the ongoing issues surrounding storage. To help can you please complete the following details and return the form by the **20th August.** Once we have this information we will share it both in the hall and on social media.*

This again is another new step on the journey for us and we know you may have questions and queries. If so please tell us and we will try and answer them.

Take care

*Hall Team - Rev Paul Ellis, Chris Smith, Jean Hodgson,
Heather Dykins, Elsie Cliff, John Cowen, Jan Hewitt and
Judith Feaver.*

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BUSINESS.

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Return planned main Hall Yes/No.....

annexe..... Yes/No.....

Day and time of session.....

Contact name /number/email.....

Emergency contact.....

Date of return.....

*Interested in fund
raising... Yes/No.....*

Queries.....

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