**WOLVEY VILLAGE HALL FOUNDATION**

**The Square, Wolvey LE10 3LJ**

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May is the 5th month of the year, would you believe it, the month is likely named after Maia, the Roman goddess of growth, its birth flower is the Lily of the Valley and birthstone is the Emerald. The month also sees 2 bank holidays namely the 5th (Mayday) and the 26th (Spring Bank Holiday). We were just approaching Easter when preparing this publication, so we were hopeful of a successful Messy Church over the weekend and we now look forward to what looks like being a busy May.

**NEW EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MAY**:

**Community Café – Thursday 20th May 11.00am until 2.00pm**

The Community Cafe is a new initiative supported by Warm Hubs and will open on Thursday 20 May in the Garden Room and will become a permanent fixture through the summer on the third Thursday of each month. This initiative follows on from the opening of the refurbished “Garden Room”, the success of the Café at the recent Spring Fair and our being able to provide access to the previously unused garden.

Join us at the Community Café, a friendly place for people to meet and socialise. The café will be run by volunteers, serving Teas & Coffees, Snacks and Sandwiches, all at reasonable prices, just drop in and a warm welcome will be extended to you. As well as being a meeting place we will also be developing pastimes and activities, where it will become a place to play dominoes or crib, we may also have a Jigsaw and Book swap as an initial attraction to encourage new visitors to the Village Hall, all for you and your friends to take part in while enjoying the fayre on offer at the Cafe.

As with our coffee mornings, parents and children will be most welcome, we would love the children to take advantage of the garden whilst mums and dads have a cup of tea. We would welcome any suggestions for pastimes/ activities that friends would wish to play or arrange.

**VOLUNTEERING:** Wolvey Village Hall is a registered Charity run by volunteers. We have a great team but additional volunteers are always welcome, why not give it a go. It’s a great way to meet new people and put something back into your community.

**OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING IN MAY**:

On **Thursday 1st May** we hand over the Main Hall for the whole day to be converted into a Polling Station for local elections. **Friday 2nd May** we have the coffee morning (see below for details). On **Thursday** **8th May** the Wolvey History group are having an open afternoon from 2pm – 4.30pm to display photographs from the 1945 VE Day, this will be held in the Garden Room.

Later on the same day **8th May from 5pm – 8pm in the main Hall** we have the **Rugby Local Plan Consultation Drop-in session**, organised by Rugby Borough Council (RBC), where local residents can view plans, listen to presentations and give their opinions on the proposed new Local Plan for Rugby Borough. There will be presentations made by RBC at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm to explain the proposals in more detail.

**On Friday 9th May** we have another **Yoga, Meditation and Sound Bath session,** with Naomi, this will take place in the Main Hall from 7pm – 8.30pm at a cost of £15 per person. The activities will include Yoga Poses suitable for beginners, followed by guided meditation and a soundbath. On the **15th May,** we have another Yoga Class organised by MBYoga from 7pm – 8.30pm in the Main Hall, this will be a general class suitable for many – breath, postures and relaxation. There will be repeats of this Yoga event on Thursday May 22nd & 29th at the same time.

On **Sunday 18th May** we will have **Messy Church** from 2.30pm – 5.30pm.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS**

Our nominated charity for the Coffee Morning on 4 April was the **Warwickshire and Solihull Bloodbikes, a** charitable organisation providing transportation services to the NHS. The event raised £380 which was shared with the Bloodbikes operation (after a deduction of £48 for Hall running costs). It was well attended as usual and included two volunteers from the Bloodbikes, who had a chat with some of the folk in the hall, explaining how they are called upon by the NHS to carry out a number of collections and deliveries, including blood for urgent transfusions, blood samples for urgent testing, specialist emergency baby milk, plus a whole host of other things. The volunteers are totally dedicated to the cause and give up a lot of their spare time to respond to urgent requests, either by Bike or car and take telephone calls 24/7.

The upcoming **2 May Coffee Morning** funds raised will be shared between the Village Hall and SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity, this will tie in with the start of the Village Hall VE Day celebrations and as such the coffee morning will also include some VE Day styled street table layout with bunting.

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The Village Hall Coffee Mornings are held on the first Friday of each month between 10.30am and 12.30pm, and everyone is welcome. Mini Explorers for babies, pre-school children and their carers is held in the Garden Room and is a great way to make new friends or spend time with old friends.

**EASY EXERCISE CLASSES**

Our Easy Exercise classes are still going strong every Tuesday, and these are followed by tea, coffee and biscuits for all those who wish to stay. The £3 charging was introduced, which went very smoothly, numbers were again near to maximum and thanks go to all those who attended and brought the right money, to save us having to have lots of change for everyone.

**WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS**:

Our **Spring Fair on Saturday 22nd March** was extremely well attended, with 20 Art and craft stalls and nearly 200 people turned up to have a look around and visit the new village hall Café. There were stalls to suit every taste and pocket, including; wildlife photography, glass arts and crafts, children’s soft toys, paintings from local artists, wooden crafts, dried flowers, soft fabrics, plants, cards and posters and more. The Café was held in the garden room, with volunteers selling teas and coffees, biscuits, cakes, toast and marmalade, beans on toast, hot cross buns and more. It was very popular with folk to have a sit down with something to eat and drink after visiting the fair.

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On **Tuesday 15th April** a Free Event run by Warwickshire County Council Safety Education and the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership featured a **Mature Driver Workshop,** which was held in the Garden Room between 12 noon and 1.00 pm. This was aimed mainly at those motorists amongst us who require a bit of a technical re-fresh. The session was very informative and included a presentation by the team on a number of topics as follows:

Drive for Life – advice on how to drive safely as we get older and continue to drive later in life. The Law and driving licence renewal at 70 years of age. Advice and tips on health, medication and mobility and how to avoid these becoming a problem to your driving. Advice and tips on eyesight and hearing and how to notice if there are any issues that may present a problem. Mature Driver Reviews are available to all motorists, usually at a cost of £85, however WCC are offering these at no charge at the present time. Finally, they explained how it was important to plan for retiring from driving when one felt the time was right, rather than waiting for a problem to force the issue, highlighting that there may be travel alternatives available.

**VOLUNTEERING**

Wolvey Village Hall is a registered Charity run by volunteers. We have a great team, but additional volunteers are always welcome, particularly for our monthly Coffee Mornings. If you would like to join us, please get in touch by email (below) or speak to one of the volunteers or Committee Members at any of our events. It’s a great way to meet new people and put something back into your community.

**ROOM HIRE AND EVENTS**

If you are looking for a venue for your class, group or event please visit our website [www.wolveyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.wolveyvillagehall.co.uk) for further details (scroll down the pages to see all the information). We offer special rates with generous discount for regular groups which are open to the public and benefit the community (please enquire for details). If you wish to view the venue or have further queries, please contact us at [admin@wolveyvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@wolveyvillagehall.co.uk).

Availability of rooms, hire charges, terms and conditions and all our policies may be found at our website.

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