

VILLAGE HALL FOCUS

THE NEWSLETTER OF NETHER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE....

Further easing of the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus Regulations, provide clear opportunities for re-opening of the village hall.

Most users will be able to return to the hall, if they so wish, but there will be a maximum limit of 30 people allowed in the hall at any time.

There is further detail on re-opening on page 2 of this newsletter.

I do hope that you will find the newsletter useful.

Alwyne Wilson

SEPTEMBER RE-OPENING

Under the current Government guidance, we are planning to open the hall again on 1st September.

Restrictions can of course be re-implemented at any time, we'll do our best to keep all users up to date.

VICE CHAIRMAN SOUGHT

We would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the role of Vice Chairman to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Please contact Alwyne Wilson

WEBSITE

The new website www.netherheyfordvillagehall.org has been in use for several months now, and with over 1600 hits in 8 months has attracted new bookings.

Its Google ranking is reported as high in search results.



FACE COVERINGS

Currently the Coronavirus Regulations require the wearing of face coverings in community buildings.

Signs have been placed to remind hall users, and these will be removed when the requirement changes.

Remember that some individuals cannot wear face coverings for medical reason. Please be tolerant!

RE-OPENING THE VILLAGE HALL.....

Since last month's Newsletter, the re-opening questionnaire has been circulated to the sports and fitness users, as changes permitting the re-opening to such events was initially scheduled for 1st August. Due to concerns of rising prevalence in the community within England, these changes were delayed until 15th August, and the wearing of face coverings in community buildings became a requirement from 8th August.

To re-open the hall, we must demonstrate through Risk Assessment (RA) that the building can be "Covid -19 Secure". The RA highlights the mitigations required to exclude the virus from the hall. Some of these will be actions on the Management Committee to provide equipment etc. and others will be actions required by the users. The latter are set out in a Special Conditions of Hire document that will be supplied to all users.

The RA and the Special Conditions of Hire will be supplied to all regular users. The documents are also now on the website www.netherheyfordvillagehall.org in both the bookings and documents sections.

The Management Committee are planning to re-open the hall to users on 1st September. That of course is subject to change if the government re-impose stricter controls again.

Significant changes in the use of the hall will be to restrict the number of persons in the hall to a maximum of 30, to close the kitchen for the preparation of food and drink, and a one way system to access the washrooms from the main hall via the kitchen and back to the hall by the entrance lobby.

Entrance to the hall will remain unchanged, but to avoid people passing each other in the front lobby, exit will be via the front fire escape door.

We shall also be asking event organisers to hold a contact list of their members/guests, and to make that available if required by the governments Track & Trace system.

The Management Committee is committed to doing everything necessary to keep the hall as safe and Covid-19 Secure as possible, but if you see something that needs to be added, or could be done better, please let us know about it.

So, over the next few weeks, the hall will be adorned with lots of signs highlighting many of the mitigations in the RA findings. **Please take time to read and understand them**, and if you are the event organiser, please tell your members and guests what is expected of them while they are in the hall.

Targeted cleaning of common touch areas will be added to the cleaning undertaken by our cleaners, but we will also require the pro-active participation of all users to help in the fight against the spread of this dreadful disease, as we try to restore some normality to our lives.

Finally, can we ask those users who have not yet returned the questionnaire, to do so as soon as possible please, as it will help us to plan the best use of our resources.



Redecoration of the main hall started in early August.

A simple two tone colour scheme will provide a new fresh look to the room.

White ceiling and dove grey to replace the maroon under the windows and on the radiators.