



## **AGM Newsletter**

**You are invited to attend the Village Hall Annual General Meeting to be held at 7pm in the Village Hall on the 22nd August 2017 followed by refreshments.**

### **Annual report and information about the hall and its use**

The Village Hall is yours and the Hall Committee would love to see it used every day as it is a superb space. The Village Hall Committee works on your behalf in maintaining, improving and caring for it to a high standard.

This booklet highlights many of the events which take place regularly.

Opened in 2004, Cockburnspath Village Hall is at the heart of our community and is host to a variety of events. It has developed a reputation for attracting groups from all walks of life. Facilities allow for Pop Up Pubs, showing films, wedding receptions, concerts, parties, dances, sports activities, exercise classes, business meetings, funeral teas, craft fayres or whatever your requirements might be. There is free WiFi.

The aim of the Village Hall Committee is to continue to provide a welcoming, multi-functional space for local people to use to engage in clubs, activities, fun and relaxation. But to do that we need help with new members on the Village Hall Committee itself and for others to run new and varied activities, so we welcome all volunteers.

Look at our website for forthcoming events or to book the hall for your own purpose through the website booking facility.

**[www.cockburnspathvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.cockburnspathvillagehall.co.uk)**

**Facebook: Copath Village Hall  
Please 'like' us to keep up-to-date with events**

## Regular events

### **Badminton**

On Sundays and Thursdays there are two regular evening badminton sessions from 6pm to 8pm and 7pm to 9pm respectively.

Players have a range of standards. If you are interested in playing then just come along: you will need a racquet and suitable clothing and footwear of course! There is a small charge to cover the costs of hiring the hall, usually around £2 depending on how many people there are.

### ***Wake Up the Week***

A gentle Yoga and Tai Chi class held from 8am-9am on Mondays to help you wake up for the week! There is no charge but a donation towards the hire of the hall is welcome. A Yoga mat, comfortable clothes and a blanket are required. No experience is required.

### ***Bluebell Group Monday Meditation***

Every Monday evening between 6.30pm and 8 pm people meet together to practise meditation. The group is called the *Bluebell Group* because when the group began 6 years ago bluebells were in flower in the nearby woods!

Meditation promotes health and well-being and is part of an holistic approach to peace and a calm mind. When practised regularly it has been proven to calm stresses and reduce anxiety. It is not necessary to be experienced in meditation; beginners are more than welcome! There is no charge to attend but contributions towards the hire of the hall are welcome

### **Bridge**

Come along on a Wednesday evening at 7pm to play Bridge. Beginners welcome.

### **CADS (Cockburnspath Amateur Dramatics Society)**

Interested in acting, singing, dancing helping backstage, lighting, sound effects, costumes, front of house or just want to come along for the fun of it? Children and adults are very welcome to join. CADS is currently working on its first show .

### **Cockburnspath Bookstall: Village Hall entrance**

The bookstall is open when the hall is open. Books are very reasonably priced and there is a payment box. There is a wide range of murder, mystery, romance, saga, fiction, non-fiction, recipes, biography, autobiography, children's and teen books to choose from.

If you have any books you have tired of or are clearing out please donate them to the Bookstall. All donations are gratefully accepted and all proceeds go to the upkeep of the Village Hall.

### **Films**

We have a licence to show films at the Village Hall and the licence allows us to show any number of films on an ad hoc basis with certain conditions and restrictions. We cannot publicly advertise or promote the film outside the premises, or give any information from which the film can be identified prior to the showing, and no charge can be made to view the film. However, a donation towards the hall can be made on the night.

If you are interested in coming along then keep an eye on posters within the Village Hall or let us know your e-mail address so that we can keep you updated.

### **Community Café: Open Wednesdays 8am to 3pm**

The Community Café has a warm and friendly atmosphere and is a great place to meet friends or make new ones. The menu includes a variety of delicious homemade cakes and scones, filled rolls, sandwiches, toasties, baked potatoes and homemade soup. A weekly hot Special is also available e.g. casserole, fishcakes, pasta bake, quiche, sausages in onion gravy to name a few.

The Café is run by volunteers and all profits go towards upkeep of the Village Hall. We always need volunteers to help out in the café or to donate cakes and soup. We especially need volunteers to help wash dishes (using the dishwasher!) during the busy lunchtime period between 12 noon–2pm. If you are interested in volunteering or baking, please speak to a member of the Café team on a Wednesday or telephone Ann on 07879 218701.

### **Parents and Toddlers**

We have been pleased to host the Parents and Toddlers for the past few years but they will now meet on Tuesday mornings at the Church Hall.

### **Over 50's Gentle Exercise Class**

This gentle way to keep fit for the over 50's takes place every Thursday from 9.30am-10.30am and costs £3.95 per session. The new session will begin on 31st August 2017.

### **SWRI**

All are very welcome to come along to the SWRI which meets every third Thursday evening from 7pm. Membership for the year is £17 but you can attend as a visitor for most of the meetings for £3 per meeting. The new session will begin on Thursday 15th September 2017

## **Frequently asked questions (FAQs)**

### **What does it cost to run the hall?**

Excluding the grants received and related payments, our main expenditure for the hall every year are *the running costs of between £8,000-£9,000 per year*: heating oil, electricity, insurance, repairs, maintenance, licences, wi-fi and subscriptions. The good news is that in 2016 the Village Hall made a healthy profit thanks to the hard work of everyone involved.

### **What does it cost to hire the hall?**

Full details available at [www.cockburnspathvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.cockburnspathvillagehall.co.uk)

	Local Users	Non-Local Users
Whole building	£8/hr	£15/hr
Main Hall	£7/hr	£8/hr
Meeting Room	£5/hr	£7/hr
Kitchen/Café Area	£6/hr	£8/hr

The support of the local community is both appreciated and necessary for the hall to flourish. Cockburnspath Village Hall is one of the best community spaces around and we believe our costs to be reasonable for the facilities which we have and for the range of activities which the hall can accommodate.

## **Who uses the hall?**

Regular users are:

- Gentle Yoga and Tai Chi to wake up the week on Monday mornings from 8am-9am
- Monday Meditation (early evening)
- Wednesday Community Cafe (day)
- Bridge (evening)
- Thursday Over 50's exercise class (am)
- Badminton (evening)
- Rural (monthly)
- Friday occasional Pop Up Pub with quiz, or open mic or special theme
- Saturday occasional Pop Up Pub and film night
- Sunday Badminton (early evening)

See the website for information about weekly events and events run by the Village Hall Committee.

## **How do you raise money to maintain the hall?**

The welcome income from regular users does need to be topped up to reach the annual running costs so we conduct some fundraising events.

Each year the Village Hall Committee holds 2 main fundraisers which help fund the running costs. In the past year we held an autumn craft fayre and a very successful Jumble Sale.

## **What is new?**

We have refreshed the paintwork in the foyer and there are new carpets in the vestibule, foyer and cafe area. New French doors to the back and two new side doors meet the current regulations re fire doors and access for public buildings. The electrics and other basic maintenance such as plumbing have been updated, unseen but necessary work to keep the building safe for all.

The Football Hut Fundraising Group is researching options for replacing the now derelict Football Hut. Anyone interested in joining the Group please contact Pauline Hood on 01368 830 620.

The purchase of the Football Field is going ahead.

## **What is next?**

### **Dates for your Diary**

- Film Night Saturday 2nd September 2017
- Scocha concert Saturday 23rd September 2017
- Pop Up Pub Friday 13th October 2017
- Autumn Fayre Saturday 5th November - day event
- Film Night Saturday 11th November 2017
- Pop Up Pub Friday 8th December 2017

**Check out the website [www.cockburnspathvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.cockburnspathvillagehall.co.uk) for updates and additional events**

