



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Serving Ospringe and Painters Forstal



YOUR SPRING UPDATE

Since opening the Community Hall on 24th June 2023 we have made a lot of progress towards our sustainability goal.

This aim was set by Trustees at a planning meeting in October and can be viewed on our website www.paintersforstal.co.uk. We have set up a Volunteers Group to support activities, delivered an annual report, and welcomed many new groups and activities to our lovely Community Hall. The feedback has been amazing! I have found the regular Tuesday lunchtime 'Communi-Tea' drop in sessions particularly heart-warming. These are free and open to all for a chat and a cuppa on Tuesdays between 1 and 3pm.

In November we said so-long and thanks to two Trustees who have served during the key building phase of the project: Carol Gillatt and Pat Younger. In December we welcomed two new Trustees, residents Sinead Hackett and Helen Goodwin, who are keen to bring their skills, energy and experience to the job of using the Hall to improve all our lives.

We have set ourselves some ambitious aims for the coming years. Our first project in 2024 will be to expand the available parking at the Hall (we are victims of our own success!), improving the building acoustics and starting a much needed pre-school. I hope you have all also noticed that the landscaping has started too. With support of volunteers, we planted over 600 native trees, along with bulbs and wild flowers. Our thanks to the International Tree Foundation, the TCV 'I Dig Trees' project, Swale Borough Council and Ian Friday for their plant donations. We hope to raise funds in 2024 for a lot more landscaping activities and to involve as many of you as possible.

If you have ideas for projects or ways to contribute to PFCA please contact me or one of the Trustees via www.paintersforstal.co.uk.

Prof. Ben Bennett, PFCA Chair



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Communi-Tea

Every Tuesday, 1-3pm, at the Community Hall.

Our regular Tuesday 'Communi-Tea & Biscuits' afternoons are designed to get people in the community together to chat, laugh, offer support and, of course, enjoy a nice cup of tea. Please pop in and say hello, everyone is welcome.

Email contact@paintersforstal.co.uk for more information.

Charity Auction at The Alma

Thursday 22nd February, 6pm for 7pm start, at the Alma.

Come along to our charity Auction in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Lots include 2 tickets to a premier football game at West Ham United, a weekend break at New Beach caravan park, holistic massage and many other great items.

Contact the Alma on 01795 533835 to book your table.

Phil The Bag - Charity Clothes Donation



'Phil
the Bag'
Fun and easy
fundraising!

Saturday 2nd March, 2pm, at the Community Hall.

Spring is the time to declutter, if you are getting rid of unwanted clothing we can raise funds by selling your unloved clothing. Items must be clean and we cannot accept duvets or curtains. Please bring your clothing to the hall on 2nd March from 2pm.

Email contact@paintersforstal.co.uk for more information.

Community Police Surgery

19th March, 2-3pm, at the Community Hall.

Your local Police Constable, Gary Morris, will be at the Painters Forstal Community Hall to discuss local police matters and concerns with you. Just turn up for a chat - no booking required. Free property marking kits and advice on how to protect yourself from fraud will also be available. Visit the website for more details.





COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have had a suggestion from a resident about starting a community garden in the grounds of the Community Hall.

If you are thinning out shrubs or you would like to donate any spare plants, bulbs or seeds please drop them to the Community Hall on Tuesday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm from the end of March.

Please contact beckytowler@hotmail.com or contact the PFCa via the hall website for more information.



Spring Collectors Fayre

Sunday 7th April, 10am-2pm,
at the Community Hall.

Calling all collectors, up-cyclers and crafters – come and sell your items at our Spring Collectors Fayre.

Pitches are £15.00 and £20.00 for one of our tables (limited supply). There will also be a Garden in a Teacup competition along with refreshments available to buy. Please see the website for more information.

NEW FOR 2024

D-Day event and Beacon Lighting

Thursday 6th June, 6.30-10.30pm, at the Community Hall.

Celebrate D-Day at the hall with the live band "Miss Holiday and the Swingtones". Fish and Chip supper and a Bugler to accompany the beacon lighting. This will be a ticketed event so please keep an eye on the website and social media pages for further details.

Midsummer Mingle

Saturday 29th June, 7-8pm, at the Community Hall.

Come and celebrate our 1st Anniversary. Keep an eye on the website and social media pages for further details.

Advertising

PFCa are intending to produce a minimum of 4 newsletters a year with space for local business to place an advert. To advertise your business; a small box advert will be just £25.00 for the year or a larger half A5 page will be £60.00 for the year. Please email alastairgreason@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

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