



Village Notes May 2014

COFFEE SHOP

2nd Anniversary - It's difficult to believe the first monthly Coffee shop was only 2 years ago as it is now very much part of the social scene of East Down and Arlington and often attracts customers from further afield, to enjoy sampling the excellent selection of home-made savouries and cakes washed down with copious supplies of freshly brewed coffee and tea over convivial chat. Hosts this month will be Peter & Pat Bunch.

This month's Coffee Shop is on Thursday 1st May 10:30 am – 12:00pm for the usual array of cakes, coffee or tea and lively chat. If you haven't tried it then do come along and meet your neighbours in our really friendly, relaxed monthly Coffee Shop and check. The 100 Club will be drawn at the Coffee Shop. We may even have the table tennis set up for anyone who wants to work off the cake calories! Also a good opportunity to swap excess seedlings / plants.

EASTER FAMILY BINGO

From caller Julie's first infectious giggle as she got one of the numbers the wrong way round, the tone of light-hearted family frivolity was set for the 40 or so players at the highly successful Bingo session in the Village Hall on Friday April 4. Extra tables were squeezed in for the latecomers and helped by Alex Caley with the checking and others with refreshments, the players including a large proportion of children and grandchildren, really enjoyed themselves, with very few leaving without a chocoholic prize of some sort from the games or well supported raffle. Around £75 profit was divided between Church and Village Hall maintenance funds with another session promised in the Autumn.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

We have been given a second-hand Mat, a Jack and a rule book by Goodleigh Village Hall - many thanks to John Cole and his wife (from Goodleigh) for delivering them to us. We have also been given some bowls (medium/large) by Combe Martin Bowling Club – thank you Brian Roff for sourcing and delivering those. If anyone has any other bowling equipment, especially smaller bowls, gathering dust then we'd really appreciate hearing from you. We still need to buy / make fenders and a block. We have seven or eight people definitely interested plus 3 or 4 occasional participants. We also have an offer of some assistance with starting up so we are making progress. Watch this space / magazine / Journal for more info. Cost of playing would probably be in the range £1 - £1.50 per session to include tea/coffee.

If you would be interested in playing (for fun) then please ring Sandra (850148) or Peter (850215) to discuss and also let us know whether you would prefer daytime or evenings. Please pass this on to anyone you think may have an interest in playing or who has experience in setting up a bowling club.



THWARTED THESPIAN?

If you live in or around Arlington / East Down and are interested in performing, writing or staging a theatrical performance at East Down Village Hall then we would love to hear from you. Experience would be very welcome but is not essential. The idea is to establish a group to decide what we would like to perform and then set about doing so. So if you are a thwarted thespian and are hiding a talent for the performing arts under the proverbial bushel then this is your chance. If you'd be prepared to help 'behind the scenes' then we'd also love to hear from you. Please contact Philip Done, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee for more information on 01271 850432 or p906done@btinternet.com

BRIDGE CLASSES

Continue every Monday afternoon 2-4 pm in the Village Hall. Bridge players of all experience welcome, from complete beginners. Ring Pat Bunch 01271 850215 or just turn up. Nominal cost includes refreshments.

SUMMER QUIZ

With most of the Christmas Quiz teams booked in already for the Summer event on July 4, American Independence Day, Quizmasters Ian and Barbara Cooper have clarified that although questions will all be American themed, they will be questions which every English person should be able to answer (after all it was our colony!). So don't delay if you haven't already booked your early place as it always fills up. Tel: Peter Bunch on 01271 850215

TABLE TENNIS

Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Going well! Numbers continue to increase – we could easily use three tables if only we could fit them in the hall! Really good fun. Just turn up and give it a try – we don't take it too seriously. If you'd like to use the tables for a family or group tournament at the hall or organise another table tennis session at a different time then give Sandra Price a ring on 850148.

ART CLASSES

Weekly classes on Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Village Hall, run by local artist John Crush. Classes cover a range of media (currently acrylic paints) and are open to everyone including complete beginners. Phone John on 01271 850067 to check what materials are required if you'd like to join in. Room for a limited number of additional 'students' to enjoy this very relaxing hobby.

WANT TO USE THE VILLAGE HALL?

The hall is available to hire for parties / events from £6 per hour including all crockery and glasses. Alternatively if you are having a function and need crockery, cutlery and or glasses then these are also available to hire providing there isn't a booking at the hall.

If you'd like occasional use of the hall for a hobby or games /exercise speak to one of the Trustees who may be able to agree a lower fee for daytime use. If you are planning an event on behalf of a charity then please have a word with one of the Trustees as the hall hire may be waived to allow you to raise even more for your cause

Thank you for supporting your village hall