

October 2020



Harriston Village Hall

Newsletter

Strange times ahead for us all

Sadly this year has been a really sad one for all village halls, including our own. We have not done a lot due to Covid19, however during the pandemic we have managed to keep our food pantry running, using guidelines set out by the government.

Usually at this time of year we are busy preparing for our Autumn events, however covid-19 has taken us all by surprise this year, what was supposed to last a few months, now looks like it is going to be around for a while yet.

We are sorry that due to restrictions on the amount of people we can have in the village hall, we will not be holding our Halloween event.

Christmas Bingo will also not be happening now, once again this is due to the amount of people we can have in the village hall.

Covid-19 restrictions will be calling a halt to all our events until the Government regulation tell us otherwise. We will also not be hiring out to people for private parties as these also go against Government regulation.

Halloween updates:

We are sadly unable to open the hall for our Halloween party this year, due to covid-19 restrictions and regulations that are required. This is usually one of the main highlights of the year, for not only the village but also our Trustees, Volunteers and Helpers.

We will still be giving out prizes though in the spirit of Halloween, we will be giving out prizes for:

The best outside Halloween decorations.

The best Witch, Monster or Horror Scarecrow in your front garden.

The best Halloween costumes

We want you to take pictures for the best Halloween costumes and send them to our email account for Judging: harristonvillagehall@gmail.com

We will also be giving prizes in the following ages: 0-5 years, 6-11 years, 12-16 and Adult.

All pictures must be received by 4pm on Sunday the 1st November.

All pictures after judging will be put on our website and Facebook page.

Pumpkin in your window

People on the village have also suggested getting your children to colour a pumpkin picture, then put it in your front window, if you are doing trick or treat, like people did with the rainbows. This could also change if the Government change their restrictions to lock us down. We will still be handing out prizes for the best dressed houses, the scariest scarecrow witches, and monsters. We will also be giving out prizes for the best costumes, get your pictures taken and email them to us for judging. All pictures will be put on our Facebook page and website.

We hope everyone has a safe Halloween, please be careful and keep at a safe distance.





Defibrillator in Harriston

In 2019 we found out that the pay phone in Harriston was being removed in the near future. The Trustees of Harriston Village Hall, thought it would be good if we could buy the telephone box, and find a way of getting a defibrillator for the village placed in the telephone box.

We approached BT and bought the telephone box, this was done at the beginning of 2020, however due to Covid 19 restrictions, we found that it would take time to remove the telephone from the box. In September we managed to secure a defibrillator and this will be going inside the telephone box in the near future.

Once this happens, we will see if we can arrange training on the use of the defibrillator once the Covid restrictions are lifted..

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday in Aspatria will be different this year due to restrictions, but there will be a Remembrance Service. It will be by the Park Gates at 2.30pm and include the laying of wreaths.

People have suggested colouring pictures of poppies and putting them in their windows to remember the fallen.



Harriston play equipment

When the play equipment was removed recently, Harriston Residents Association emailed Castles and Coast to ask why it was being removed and would it be replaced. Castles and Coasts replied with the following information:

The Association is reviewing all our play parks - with a view to looking to install new equipment.

I have also been advised that because of the age of the swings at Harriston that the Association can't just put new swings back onto the same equipment. We also have another estate where play equipment has had to be removed due to condition issues - and I've been told that equipment for this estate, and Harriston, is being prioritised.

The review, I understand, will look what we can look to install, and when, and residents will be consulted on options. I hope this will help explain the equipment being removed.

Last year Harriston Residents Association, managed to get the kissing gates installed, so that people that were going across the field at the bottom of the green, no longer had to climb over the Stile as they were old and rotting away in places. If anyone is interested in joining Harriston Residents Association, please contact Janice Barker on 0169732370 and leave a message, or email: harristonresidentsassoc@gmail.com The Residents association has been unable to meet since early this year, due to Covid restrictions in the village hall.

Trial Coffee Afternoon

We have been busy putting in place everything that is required, to ensure our village hall is Covid-19 secure, this is required before we can open back up to the public, with a view to holding a trial coffee afternoon in the near future, please keep an eye out for further details of the date on our noticeboard and on our Facebook page. Social distancing will be in place, face masks will need to be worn inside the hall. there is hand sanitiser by both the front door and by the back door. There will be a strict one way round, using the front door as the entrance and the back door as the exit. There will be a sign on the door which people can scan for the NHS track and trace app on their phone, or if you prefer you can fill a form in with your contact details, should we need them, these will be kept for 21 days and then destroyed. Once inside the hall find a seat, and one of our trustees or volunteers will come to you for your order, once you have your drink you can remove your mask to drink it, but you will need to put it back on if you need to go through the hall to the toilets, or to use the tuck shop.

Useful Websites:

Harriston Village Hall
Aspatria Town Council
Aspatria Medical Centre
Richmond Hill School
Beacon Hill School

<http://www.harristonvillagehall.com>
<http://www.aspatriatowncouncil.co.uk>
<http://www.aspatriamedicalgroup.co.uk>
<http://www.richmondhillprimary.co.uk>
<http://beaconhill.cumbria.sch.uk>