

# Harriston Village Hall Newsletter

## Food Pantry

If anyone in Harriston would like to join our food pantry, then please contact Henry using our email: [harristonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:harristonvillagehall@gmail.com) or phone him and leave a message 07795907985 for further information. This is the one we do with CRL, the box is £3.50 you do not have to have this every week if you do not want too, but you will need to fill in an Allergy form.

This village hall receives 50 pence from each box sold. **Please not there will be no Food Pantry, Christmas Week or New Year week.**

## Fruit and Vegetable Bags

We have started doing Fruit vegetable bags, these are from the Fruit and Veg Box company, these are on a Thursday, the cost is £5.50 for a £10 bag of Fruit and Veg, the village hall gets no payment for this service, all money goes for payment to the Fruit and Veg Box company. **If you are already on our list for getting a Fruit and Veg bag, the date for collection Christmas week will be a Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

## Tuesday and Sunday`s Food Bank is open to Everyone.

We are also open as a Food bank on a Tuesday and a Sunday. **This is open to Everyone**, we open at 1pm until 2.30pm on a Tuesday. We often get bake from a local store that needs to go out that day.

On Sundays we are open for an hour, we usually put this on our Facebook page, as the time varies, this is usually for bake that we pick up from a local store in Maryport or if you would like Henry to message you, to tell you we are open please text Henry on 07795997985 letting him know who you are.

We will be closing our doors over the festive period; however, we could still be asked to pick up baked goods from a local store **If we receive Bake from the local stores, over Christmas and New Year** we will put it on our Facebook page and on Harriston Voices we will also message people to see if they want to come down to pick some up if we have your number. We will only be open for an hour, so the faster you come down the better.

## Website

We have now got our own website [www.harristonvillagehall.com](http://www.harristonvillagehall.com) we have been busy updating this recently with old and new pictures.



## Defibrillator

We accepted the delivery of our defibrillator off Aspatria and First Responders, this was delivered and handed over by Mrs Rebecca Griffith and her husband, to Henry Barker who gratefully accepted it on behalf of the Trustees of Harriston Village Hall.

We will be getting this installed in the telephone box outside the village hall as soon as possible.

## Allerdale and Lakeland Lottery

Harriston Village Hall is a part of the Allerdale and Lakeland Lottery that supports good causes, for every ticket sold via our link, we get a percentage back per year. Tickets are £1 per week and the prize is up to £25,000 per week, the first draw is on the 19<sup>th</sup> December via the following link:

<http://www.allerdalelottery.com/support/harriston-village-hall-cio>

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## Pebble Corner

We thought it might be fun to have a positive/Inspirational pebble corner in our garden, both adults and children can join in painting positive messages on pebbles of their hopes for 2021.

We will take pictures of these in the new year and get them framed as a reminder of 2020. You could lie them in front of the Village Hall side garden fence.



Your children might like to paint some Christmas or Fairy door decorated pebbles too, you can leave them alongside the positive ones.

This past year has been a horrid one for lots of people, lets hope the next year is better and we can all start getting back to normal.

## Christmas Bell ringing.



A lot of people both with and without children, are being encouraged to stand on their steps at 6 pm on Christmas Eve to ring some bells, to bring some festive cheer.

It may be a simple concept, but in a year of upheaval for children, when they may not be able to see grandparents or extended family, this could be a wonderful reminder that, even socially distanced, we are still all together.

It will also make the start to Christmas a little more magical for all, especially the little ones. Let us make Harriston ring loud and proud, by joining in with the bell ringing, along with people up in Aspatria.

**Lastly on behalf of Harriston Village Hall Trustees, our Volunteers and Helpers, we would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.**