Ellerton and Aughton Newsletter. April 2024

This newsletter is a collaborative venture between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. If you wish to add anything to the next newsletter, please e-mail: ellertonandaughtonvillagehall@gmail.com or put a note through the village hall letterbox.

Village Hall News

Ellerton and Aughton Village Hall is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), charity number 1207750. Thanks go to many current and former committee members who have worked tirelessly to help us gain charity status. A copy of the new constitution is now available on the Village Hall website. If you have any questions relating to this, or anything else, please speak to any member of the committee or send us an e-mail.

Members of the Village Hall committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support. The Irish night held on the 9th March was a huge success, full to capacity and a great time was had by all. £926 was raised for Village Hall Funds, thank you to Half Moon Brewery and Scutt's Potatoes for their sponsorship.

Film Club

Ellerton and Aughton Film Club runs on the second Friday of most months. For more details e-mail ellertonandaughtonfilmclub@gmail.com or put a request in to join Ellerton Film Club on Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Spring Fair

Sunday 21st April, 11am-4pm.

Please come along to support our spring fair with fabulous fun for all the family. Lots of visiting craft stalls, parachute games, beat the goalie, competitions, raffle, tombola, cakes, ice creams and much, much more.

<u>AGM</u>

Ellerton and Aughton Village Hall will hold its AGM on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.30pm at Ellerton and Aughton Village Hall, Main Street, Ellerton. YO42 4PB.

This is an opportunity for parishioners to hear about what's been going on over the past 12 months, see the accounts, and elect up to eight trustees for next year's committee. Of these eight vacancies, at least 2 must be representatives from Aughton and at least three from Ellerton. If you would like to stand as a trustee, please e-mail ellertonandaughtonvillagehall@gmail.com no later than Tuesday 28th May 2024.

A copy of the accounts, the trustees' Annual Report and a list of the individuals intending to stand as trustees will be published on our website no later than Tuesday 4th June 2024.

Artery Live: Graffiti Classics.

Thursday 27th June

This Comedy String Quartet has one aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating. Graffiti Classics bursts the boundaries of the traditional String Quartet with its hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. More details and tickets available soon.

Quiz night

Saturday 12th October-more details to follow.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November-more details to follow.

The Village Hall is available for anyone to hire. See website or e-mail for availability and rates: ellertonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

Please keep an eye out on the notice boards, on our website and on social media for updates.

Facebook: "Ellerton and Aughton Community Hall'.

Feel free to get in touch with us with any enquiries or suggestions.

E-mail: ellertonandaughtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Website: https://www.hugofox.com/community/ellerton-aughton-community-village-hall-16323/home/

Independent Clubs

Bumps, babies and tots:

This thriving, friendly group meets in the village hall on Fridays between 10.30 and noon term time only. Everyone welcome. ellertonandaughtonplaygroup@gmail.com

Bumps, babies and tots are hosting a grand bunny hunt over both villages at the Spring Fair, so please join in and have fun. They are grateful to the Parish Council and local businesses who have generously sponsored this event.

Craft Club

Craft club continues to be popular, varied and extremely enjoyable. For more information or to book a workshop, please email Jo Sparks at popupio4@gmail.com or telephone 01757 289295.

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club meets each week either for lunch and a chat in the village hall or for trips out and about. £5 per week, 12-2pm. We offer assisted transport door-to-door from local villages. For more information, please contact Simone Wintringham on 07500 115963. We are desperately looking for more volunteers to help with lunch, chat and join in the fun, so if you could spare a couple of hours approximately once per month, please get in touch with Simone.

Youth Club

The newly formed Junior Youth Club is going from strength to strength. With the lighter nights, they are hoping for good weather to be able to use the outdoor space. They have been spending some of the generous grant they received from The National Lottery Community Fund to buy, amongst other things, football, cricket, rounders, badminton and tennis equipment. We have the following message from the organisers: "The children are all superbly well behaved, they are all very considerate towards one another and their manners are impeccable. We are truly grateful to our ten volunteer helpers, without whom youth club wouldn't be able to run"

Youth Club in conjunction with the Parish Council are sponsoring the bouncy castle at the Spring Fair, so please come along and have some fun.

Planned future sessions include 19th April, 3rd May, 17th May, 7th Jun, 21st June, 5th July and 19th July. For more details please e-mail ellertonandaughtonyouthclub@gmail.com

Aughton Church News

Church teas resumed again on Sunday 7th April and continue on first, third and fifth Sundays through until Autumn. 2pm -4pm.

Holy Communion at Ellerton Village Hall at 10am on the fourth Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome.

Parish Council News

Dog Poo Bags

The PC provides dog poo bags at 3 locations within the Parish, the village end of Cow Pasture Lane (Donkey Lane), Ellerton end of Aughton Lane and in Aughton. These bags are provided for use in an emergency, the time when you inadvertently come out without a bag, or you have used all the bags you took on your walk and still have to get back home, they are not provided as an alternative to purchasing your own. The speed in which the dispensers are emptied after being restocked does suggest that bags are being removed for other reasons than emergencies, could we request that people are considerate and only remove bags when required in 1's and 2's and not handfuls.

Speaking of Dog Poo, a reminder that the Parish is covered by a "Public Spaces Protection Order" which requires all dog foul to be removed from Public Spaces forthwith, failure to do so makes the person in charge of the dog guilty of an offence. For clarity, if you are walking your dog, anywhere where the public also have access to, any Dog Foul should be removed, placed in the bins provided or taken home with you.

Parish Council news (Continued)

Purchase of the Old School (Village Hall)

The PC have been given the opportunity to purchase the Old School, the current Village Hall, by the York Diocese. The cost quoted is £40,000 plus the Diocese's legal costs originally estimated to be a further £5 – 7k. Prior to moving forward with the opportunity we would like to gauge the support, or otherwise, of the Parish in general. The PC views this as a chance to secure the Village Hall for the Parish for the long-term future, the current lease expires in approximately 14 years. A condition of the sale is that the Village Hall would continue to be used as it is currently, i.e. a focal point of the Parish for various activities, clubs and groups. We believe that it would allow greater control of how we use the Village Hall and the outside space. The PC would be grateful if you could complete the attached slip. These can then be posted into boxes provided in the Village Hall porch or at South View Smallholder & Pet Supplies, alternatively please e mail your response to the PC Clerk Yvonne Egglestone at ellertonparishclerk@gmail.com

Should you require your response collecting please inform the clerk, as above, and one of the councillors will call and pick it up. Please submit your opinions by no later than 30th April.

Should the consensus be in support of progressing the purchase, the PC will investigate means of funding and once options have been identified an open meeting will be held to inform and discuss with the Parish.

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Purchase of the Old School (Village Hall) Response

I would generally be in support of the purchase of the Old School (Village Hall) by the Parish Council.	YES	or	NO
Reasons for Support (Optional)			
Additional activities/facilities you would like to see at the Hall in the future.			
Name/s and address/es			
Signature/s			