**MITFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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Hello everyone,

The Village Hall Committee thought it was time to introduce ourselves to the community.

Our committee consists of three (sometimes four) elected Members as follows:- Chairman – Mr Brian Hedley

 Secretary – Mrs Vera Filer

 Treasurer – Mrs Sharron Evans

The fourth elected member would be a Vice Chairman which we do not have at present.

The rest of the committee is made up of representatives from the groups who use the hall and also co-opted members.

We have a longstanding Lease and Trust Deed and are registered as a Charity.

The main aim of our management of the Hall is to maintain the building to ensure it is fit for purpose and to encourage groups to use the facilities and enjoy their activity. We would also encourage new activities/groups to use our facilities.

At present there are the following activities in the Hall and new members to any of these groups are welcome.

**ACTIVITIES IN MITFORD VILLAGE HALL**

MONDAYS – Currently available to hire.

TUESDAYS –Pilates – 10am -11am run by the excellent Gill Glass.

SECOND TUESDAY EVENING IN THE MONTH -7.30pm (October to April) Mitford historical Society – Slide shows/talks about local history etc

WEDNESDAYS – Local Table Tennis Club – 7pm start.

THURSDAYS – Fitsteps – 7pm – 8pm

FRIDAYS – Currently available.

SATURDAYS – Occasionally booked for parties, usually children’s.

SUNDAY – Every two months Mitford Church runs ‘Cafe Church’ in the Hall at 10.30am and the Church Youth Group meet at 6pm during term time for 8-13 year olds.

Again all these groups/activities would welcome new people to join them.

This is not an exhaustive run down of activities as there is also an occasional booking for a few people who enjoy ballroom dancing and use the hall to practice and would welcome others to boost the numbers. The Hall is a popular venue for children’s parties and a wedding reception was recently held there.

The Committee has recently held an afternoon tea for the community in the summer, but due to poor attendance last year have decided not to go ahead this year unless it is specifically requested by enough people to make it viable.. However if there are enough people who wish to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding on 19th May, an afternoon celebration can be arranged provided we have numbers by 3rd May.

Each year on the first Saturday in December, a Coffee Morning is held with Mince Pies and Shortbread provided for refreshment, a cake stall and other stalls as available. Recently we have donated half of the takings to ‘Macmillan’ as there has been no Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Village.

A Craft Fair takes place in November, organized by Mrs Meryl Sharp, where the variety of stalls is superb and some Christmas Shopping can be done! The Village Hall Committee provides soup, sandwiches and cakes for purchase, with profit going to the Village Hall. The Craft Fair has been a great success and is very popular.

The Hall, we feel is a necessary part of the Village and therefore we do our best to maintain and care for it. It is hoped that in some way, be it by enjoying some activity here or by supporting some of the functions, you will appreciate the facility that is part of our heritage and help to keep it functioning for future generations.

At present there is no internet connection in the Hall but it is something that can be installed if the demand is there. Should anyone be interested in running a group/class which would benefit from the internet or would like to access it for a personal use, again let us know.

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