

COLN VALLEY VILLAGE HALL

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Award Winner!

The Coln Valley Village Hall has won an Award from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), which Matthew Bradley collected from Viscount Bledisloe at the ceremony on 7th October.

Each year CPRE makes awards to leading examples of community, architectural and environmental projects. This year our village hall was chosen by an independent panel of judges to be one of only six projects to be worthy of this award.

Christmas Party

Planning for the Village Hall Christmas Party has begun, the date will be announced shortly. Anyone wishing to help organise the party or donate raffle prizes should contact Orla Hall on 720765 or Wendy James on 720220.

Quiz Night

Many thanks to Jo Thorp for agreeing to arrange a Valley Quiz Night, which we hope will be in Spring 2016. Some of you will have been to her Cripps Barn Quiz Night, which was a great success.

Bookmark this page!

Further information on upcoming events and news will be posted on the Hall's website and on the various Village noticeboards.

<http://www.coln-valley-village-hall.co.uk/>

There is a booking calendar online where you can see what the Hall is booked for into the future.

Parking

The Committee and Trustees continue to work to improve the parking situation.

If you are attending an event at the Hall then please try to avoid driving there (the walk is beautiful!); if you do need to drive there, have you considered car-sharing?

Six months in.....

The Hall became fully operational in March 2015, and so has been operating now for just over 6 months.

Compared with the 2013 Business Plan (which was used to raise about 50% of the funding for the new Hall) running costs should be lower than predicted, whilst income (from Hires and Valley Events) is encouraging and growing.

The principal aim of the Committee continues to be to generate enough income to just cover the Hall's running costs. As far as possible this will be through Hires from, and Events for, the Valley. In the event of a shortfall then the Business Plan allows for hire to outside the Valley, but our aim is to keep this to a minimum.

Who is using it?

The Valley BBQ over the summer was a great success, and we hope it will become an annual fixture.

The majority of private Hires of the Hall have been, and continue to be, from the Valley or the immediate environs (e.g. Chedworth, Northleach).

Thursday morning's yoga classes have been re-booked until the end of 2015.



What can you do?

The 2010 Valley Survey identified a number of uses which Valley residents wanted to see in a new Hall e.g. book & film clubs, children's groups, classes, etc.

If you would like to arrange (or just help with) these or similar events at the Hall then please contact us using the website link (see panel to left).

REMEMBER, the more the Hall is used by the Valley, the less likely there will need to be income from outside the Valley.

How else can you contact us?

For general comments and queries not related to making a booking please contact Matthew Bradley (Chair of the Management Committee) on 720222 or matthew@bradleys.me.