

BRAMPTON ABBOTTS

Village Hall



News Update – October 2022

*There is so much to tell you about this month
so grab a cuppa and read on...*



Renovation Update

Holding the **Hall Opening Progress Evening** ('HOPE') gave us the motivation to tidy up the Village Hall (VH), grounds and exterior. We would like to thank everyone below for volunteering their time on Thursday 1st September to really make a difference.

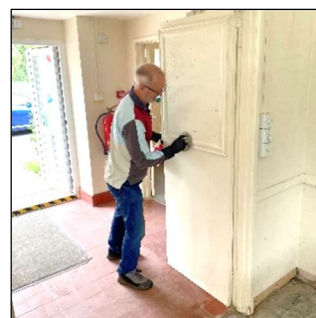
Hall Team

Di Nutall - Sweep through / remove cobwebs

Len Nutall & Age Jeanes - Clean windows (inside & out). Sorry Age you must have been camera shy!

Elaine Lutkin & Matthew Osbeldiston-Hawkes - Clean window & door frames (inside & out)

Adrienne Allen & Jane Osbeldiston - Clean toilets



Grounds Team

Mike O'Brien & Ali Latham - Clear back lawn

Di Tabernacle & Alyx Miller-Hall - Clear front shrub border

John Lutkin & Lina King - Clear carpark

Ali O'Brien & Jon Evans - Clear patio / Mowing

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Brian and Alyx had recently painted their house and were in the mood to set us a challenge to paint the front of the Village Hall before the 'HOPE' event. They kindly donated their left over white masonry paint and geared up four extra volunteers.

On the weekends of the 3rd & 4th and 24th & 25th of September Brian and Alyx, Age Jeans, Lina King, Len Lettice and Anthony Park painted the Village Hall with two coats and boy what a difference it has made!

We had been quoted £6,600 inc VAT from a contractor to paint the VH exterior! Our total cost will not even exceed £300. What a fantastic result and great achievement, we are so thankful to you all – the result is DAZZLING!



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Volunteer Request – We are now looking for a new set of volunteers for help finish off the exterior painting.

We have the North face side wall to complete which will need chemically cleaning prior to painting. Taking up a suggestion from Age Jeanes, which we all think will look very smart is to paint the window lintels, the surround to the entrance and the brick work under the damp proof course an accent grey.

If you have just a few hours available to help out, please email Brian who will co-ordinate this next phase millerhallb@gmail.com

The Grounds

On the 4th September David Reeves came with his Hedge Trimmer and reduced the height and cut back our boundary hedge. This had been long overdue and has let more light into the garden and VH.



Hall Opening Progress Evening 'HOPE'

On Monday 12th September the Brampton Abbots Village Hall Trustees welcomed more than 40 local residents to an event showcasing the renovation progress of the Village Hall. The Trustees outlined how they intend to communicate ongoing progress, the fundraising needs and what works are required to get the hall open again. Refreshments were kindly donated by Hanks, Morrisons and The Tap House for the event.



On the night £3,100 was raised from the launch of a 'Buy a Brick' Campaign. Individuals can support the project by purchasing a plaque inscribed with their name, to be displayed on the Village Hall wall. A further £7,750 was raised from an annual Corporate Sponsorship initiative, taken up by EOB Distribution Ltd, Oak House Nursery School and The Evans Family, Overton.

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Please refer to the '[News / Fundraising](#)' section on the website for full details of both campaigns.

The 'HOPE' event had a real community feel about it. Attended by new and existing parishioners, members of the local Parish Council and BAcRG (Brampton Abbots Church Regeneration Group) who also shared an update on 'The Daily Bread Bakery' project in St Michael and All Angels Church. The Ross Gazette covered the event and gave us great publicity.

Cavity Wall Insulation

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th September cavity wall insulation was installed. This will improve heating efficiency once our new heating is installed.

Gents Toilets

Thank you to Keith Latham for fitting a new stopcock to the incoming main in the gents toilet. We just need a new ball valve for the Gents toilet cistern for it to be back functioning.

Purchase Orders

Our ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) grant has now been drawn down and has enabled us to place orders for the following; electrics, lighting, fire alarm system, heating, cavity wall insulation, flooring and disabled toilet.

Grants

Diana, John and Brian have been working on our next funding submission. First one to the National Lottery.



As per their logo 'fingers crossed!'

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General Information –

Donation

We have had an amazing donation offer from a local parishioner. Their gardener will on a fortnightly basis mow and maintain the grass areas using their own equipment and take the grass cuttings away. This kind offer will help us reduce our need for paid support.

Gwyneth Lewis after consultation has now retired from this role. We would like to acknowledge and thank Gwyneth for taking on this task over many years.

Working Together



On the 5th September the BAcRG and VH Trustees met up (over a glass of wine!) to talk and share ideas and visions. We agreed the need to work alongside each other to get these important village assets up and running. By working together our aim is to consider each of the venue uses and tailor activity calendars so as to complement each other.



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