

Orwell Village Hall Management Committee



As I write this in early May, I'm not sure when the June edition of the Bulletin will hit your doormat. Hoping it will be in early June, I'd like to extend a warm invitation to all interested villagers to attend the AGM of the Orwell Village Hall Management Committee to be held at the village hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 6 June. If you are looking to become more involved in village life and might consider offering your services on the committee, attending one of our meetings would certainly give you a good idea of what we are all about.

At the AGM we will close the accounts for the previous financial year and look forward to the year ahead. We would welcome the views of current and potential users on how we might preserve and enhance the excellent facility we are all so lucky to enjoy.

Likely to be on the agenda will be a project to replace the ageing storage shed at the rear of the hall and take a look at the building's exterior. Externally, Orwell Village Hall looks more functional than beautiful, but it may be that a sprucing up, including re-painting, will help present the building in the best possible light.

As I said in the March edition of the Bulletin, one or two recent hirers have left the hall in an unacceptable state. Where this has impacted the enjoyment of a subsequent hirer we can only apologise. We have a cleaner who looks after things very well, but we expect hirers to leave the hall in the condition in which they expect to find it when they arrive.

For the most part, this seems to occur after one-off hires. Our regular users clearly care for the hall and understand the importance of leaving it in pristine condition. The Committee may have to consider measures such as requiring the payment of a mandatory, returnable deposit against one-off hires, although we hope this will not be necessary and that recent events were the exception rather than the rule.

One or two recent hirers have reported difficulties when using items of equipment at the hall. Committee members have been happy to help, but advice and guidance can be found in the Familiarisation Book which is kept in the kitchen. (A copy can be downloaded from the website). We will continue to develop the book in the light of experience and advice from users.

For more information, including current hire charges and arrangements for booking the hall, visit the Orwell Village Hall website at www.orwellvillagehall.com

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