

Ash Village Hall Update

We are now finally getting back to some semblance of 'normal' after most of the Coronavirus legal restrictions have been lifted.

However, the Trustees (AVH management committee) have a legal responsibility to ensure the premises, access to it, and any equipment provided are safe for people using it, so far as is reasonably practicable. To that end we are asking all Hirers to continue to comply with our Special Conditions of Hire to minimise any risk from infection.

At the same time, all visitors to the hall are requested to wear a face covering, use the hand sanitiser provided, maintain social distancing, provide contact details for the NHS Test & Trace and to follow the guidance posted around the hall, e.g. entry/exit signs.

We are maintaining this cautious approach so that everyone can feel comfortable returning to the hall and that those who are clinically more vulnerable or not yet fully vaccinated can attend to enjoy activities with minimal anxiety. We believe these conditions are appropriate at this time but, simply put, it is about respecting and being considerate to others and managing the risk to our community.

Coffee mornings

By the time you read this, the regular monthly coffee mornings will have re-started with the first one being held on Saturday 7th August, hosted by The League of Friends.

The coffee mornings run from 10am until noon and are a chance to meet and chat to others whilst having a drink and a bacon sandwich or other delicious treats. There is usually a raffle and various stalls to browse as well as a representative from Hi- Kent hearing aid charity. The mornings are 'hosted' by a local voluntary group or charity and are a useful way of raising funds and perhaps attracting new members. AVH subsidise the hire fee for the coffee mornings with the host group paying a reduced amount.

We are pleased to announce that, following a successful application, the first 10 coffee mornings are being funded by Dover District Council Community Grant Scheme so the host groups will not have to pay the hire fee – enabling them to keep more of the proceeds from the event. In applying for the grant we felt this was a small but significant way to help as many local groups as possible after a period when their ability to fundraise has been very limited.

In addition to The League of Friends the following groups are set to host the coffee mornings and to benefit from this grant:-

Sept 4	Ash W.I.
Sept 18	Ash Guides – NOTE that there are 2 coffee mornings in September!
Oct 2	Ash Heritage Group
Nov 6	Toddler Group
Dec 4	The Friends of St Nicholas Church

Please attend if you can, show your support for all the volunteers in their various organisations, meet old friends and make some new ones!

If you are a voluntary group or charity and are interested in hosting a Saturday coffee morning, please contact Jean Ryan on 01304 812148 for more information and to discuss dates.

Library

Another piece of good news is that KCC have confirmed that Ash Library will re-open on Monday 9th August.

They are starting with slightly reduced hours as staffing is still very tight across the district due to vacancies that have arisen and the "ping-demic" of people being contacted to self-isolate. They are hoping to be back up to the old 'pre-Covid' hours in the Autumn if the situation with the pandemic continues to improve.

So, **please note the revised opening times** as follows:-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11.30 - 13.00 & 14.00-17.00	Closed	9.30 - 14.00	Closed	Closed	9.00-14.00

We will keep you updated once we have been advised of further changes to this schedule.

Activities

We anticipate that many of our regular hirers and organisations will resume their usual activities from September, albeit with some changes/precautions as may be necessary.

Please visit the AVH website for details of the various groups that meet at the hall, the numerous activities that take place and to check the diary for any booking dates.

We are now able to consider requests for parties and other celebrations and welcome enquiries for more information and possible bookings.

Dover Lotto

Please consider signing up to the Dover Lotto and buying a Lotto ticket each week. For each £1 ticket you buy, we receive 50p and another 10p is distributed to other good causes under the DDC community grants scheme.

It's a great way to support **your** Village Hall and you may also win a cash prize for yourself!

To find out more or to buy tickets call **01304 776123** or visit:-
www.doverlotto.com/support/ash-village-hall

With many thanks for your continued support.

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