



Oh Happy Days we will soon be in the chocolate season! Personally, I have so far resisted a full-on Easter Egg but must confess to a very modestly sized Lindt chocolate bunny – heavenly!

With the lighter evenings and warmer weather, Spring is well underway and many of us will soon be busy in our gardens, so I am very pleased to share the news with you that we have the first meeting of our brand-new gardening club next Wednesday (02/04)! More about this on the next page.....

We didn't have an event in March as sadly there was not enough interest in the Games Night we had planned – may be another time?

But there is some good news because the Village Hall Committee, using money raised from our events, have invested in some marvellous new tables and equipment!



**They are:**

**\*Sooo much lighter, easier to use and keep clean than the previous tables!**

**\*Equipped with a portable storage frame which moves effortlessly in and out of the cupboard**

**\*And we also have a chair trolley!**

**ORGANISING EVENTS HAS  
SUDDENLY GOT A LOT EASIER!**

**A BIG THANK YOU  
TO THE VILLAGE HALL  
COMMITTEE**





**DATES FOR APRIL and MAY**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning 10.00-11.30am, Village Hall**



**COFFEE MORNING**

As usual, Coffee Morning is the first Tuesday of the month and it is not going to catch us out by being April Fool's Day!

With Easter coming later in the month, alongside our usual choice of comforting hot drinks there will be delicious Easter themed treats and the children from Ecchinswell School will be coming to join in and sing to us.

May Coffee Morning falls amidst the VE Celebrations so we will be following a nostalgic theme. Have you got any 1940's style clothes or maybe a 1940's hairdo?

In June, we are going to have a Marsden Morning. We will be raising money for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. So please start saving your pennies for this worthwhile cause.....

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00 – 9.00pm Village Hall**

**Watership Down Gardening Club**

is our very own gardening club! It is a brand-new venture with its first meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and then the first Wednesday in the month in May, June and July.

We welcome gardeners – beginners and experienced all you need is a passion for gardening! We have an exciting program for you over the next four months. The cost is £40.00 to cover the costs. Places are limited but to register your interest, email the Events Team at [ecchinswellhall@gmail.com](mailto:ecchinswellhall@gmail.com) marking your enquiry gardening club.

**WATERSHIP DOWN**

**GARDENING CLUB**





## DATES FOR APRIL and MAY CONTINUED

### April 8<sup>th</sup> 7.00 – 9.00pm Village Hall

This is the date for the **Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting**. It will be in the Kingsmill Room at the Hall. Come along and hear about the work of the committee and put forward any ideas you may have – all are welcome!

### April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

There is a family Service, **11.00 at St Lawrence Church**, all are welcome.

### May 5<sup>th</sup> Village Hall and Grounds 12.00 – 3.00

Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> is the early Bank Holiday and as May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, marks the **80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day**, the Nation will be celebrating 80 years of peace. Nationally, many activities will take place on the bank holiday. So, the Events Team is planning something special that we hope the whole village will want to join in. Look out on the Village WhatsApp for the information we will be feeding you over the next few weeks but here's a taster of what we are planning.....

## COME JOIN US ON MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE VERY BIG PICNIC AT THE HALL & GROUNDS!

**This will be a family fun event focusing around a Bring Your Own Picnic with lots of activities to keep everyone amused including:**

- \*The VErY Big Bake Off**
- \*Family Races**
- \*Treasure Hunt**
- \*Stalls**
- \*Bar, Refreshments & Music**
- \*And much more.....**

**We will be following a 1940's theme so you can get dressed up and win a prize if your outfit is best...and at 3.00pm when we're finished join us at the Oak to continue the party!**



**If you have any questions, you can email us at [ecchinswellhall@gmail.com](mailto:ecchinswellhall@gmail.com)**





## September and Beyond

After the VErY Big Picnic the Events Team will be taking a well-earned break! But come the Autumn we will be back with a host of events to keep you entertained through the Autumn and Winter Months. Alongside our favourites such as **Quiz Night, Christmas Crafts and Race Night**. We have some exciting new ventures such as **Line Dancing, Wine and Cheese Tasting, A Musical Extravaganza** – the list goes on but more about all of these in the May issue of our Newsletter!

## NEWS FROM THE REGULAR USERS

The various User Groups have been featured on this page over the past several issues of the Newsletter and just when I thought I had covered all of them another two pop up! **The Watership Gardening Club** has its first meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March read about it on page 2. AND.... we also have **The Watership Bridge Club** please read on....

## Watership Bridge Club



Now I've never been dealt a hand quite like this one (where would the challenge be?) and it is more usual to play with thirteen cards but that aside. Let me tell you about Watership Bridge Club!

Our Club started at the end of February. There are currently 15 of which about 9 have been playing on a regular basis. The original intention was to meet in the Village Hall weekly, as a user group, but we have an amazing teacher called Carrie and we have been meeting at her house since we started! There will come a time when we grow too big, and we will then revert to the Village Hall but for the time being it is wonderful. We are all either absolute beginners or extremely rusty and Carrie is a splendid teacher -her tuition is perfect for us!

We will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings until the beginning of June and then take a break for the summer. If you would like to join us, scroll back on the main village WhatsApp to February 19<sup>th</sup> and there you will find Amanda Letch's entry about the club and a link to our group. You are most welcome to join us!



## **REGULAR HALL USERS**

You can join any of our regular user groups. Karate, Pilates and Table Tennis are all open sessions. If you are interested in Ballet or Gardening Club, please contact as advised below.

**Monday: Karate Club** 7-8pm from age 6. Call in or contact Lynne on 01635 298571.

**Tuesday: Coffee Morning** First Tuesday monthly 10-11.30am.

**Ballet Intermediate/Advanced ballet lessons.** Contact [hollyunnukballet.com](http://hollyunnukballet.com) for more details.

**Wednesday: Pilates** 10-11am, £10 per session. All abilities welcome, you can turn up on the day, but you are advised to check the web site [www.dannipilates.com](http://www.dannipilates.com)

**Ballet Grade 5 ballet lessons.** School years 7-9. Contact [hollyunnukballet.com](http://hollyunnukballet.com) for more details.

**Watership Down Gardening Club** 7-9pm. 1st Wednesday monthly. Enquiries [ecchinswellhall@gmail.com](mailto:ecchinswellhall@gmail.com)

**Thursday: Table Tennis** 2nd and 4th Thursday monthly 7-9pm. Fun session, £2 all ages and abilities welcome.

## **VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The Annual General Meeting for the Village Hall is on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00 pm in the Kingsmill Room.**

**All are welcome to attend.**



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY  
HAPPY EASTER!**

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