



ECCHINSWELL VILLAGE HALL e-Newsletter June 2025

Well, here we are at the end of May, and it's almost bucket and spade time - how wonderful!
As the Events Committee takes a break over the summer months, sadly, this is the last Newsletter of the season. But before we sign off there are few dates for your diary, and we must just reminisce over that marvellous day back at the beginning of May – our VErY Big Picnic! The weather wasn't particularly on our side, but we had a fab day, didn't we? Many people have said how they enjoyed it and thanked us as the Events Team, but we are going to thank you right back as it took all of you, your kids and your dogs to make it the special day that it was! Here's some pictures to say the rest..... NB cricket fans don't think you've been forgotten, your bit comes later!



**A VErY Big Thank You
to all those who helped or
participated -baking cakes,
dressing up (especially
pirates), making music,
playing cricket, telling war-
time stories, comparing and
so much more....
AND a VErY Big Thank You to
everyone who came and
made the day a
VErY Big Success!**





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

June 3rd Coffee Morning 10.00-11.30 Village Hall

Many of you will know the friendly and familiar face of Chris Hutchins. Since his retirement in 2012, Chris has been the caretaker for the Village Hall.

Sadly, for the past seven years Chris has been bravely fighting cancer and is currently receiving specialist treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London.

As a token of support to Chris and Lynne, this month, in Coffee Morning, we will be raising money for the hospital's cancer charity. Please drop in to support this venture, even if you don't usually come to Coffee Morning. If you are able, please bring along a cake or something similar. We can't have too many cakes! Those we don't cut up and serve we plan to sell as whole cakes. Our aim is to raise as much as we can for this worthwhile charity! We look forward to seeing you all!

NB If you are unable to come but would like to make a donation to the charity please message Lynne Hutchins personally, her contact details are on the Village WhatsApp, thanks!

As usual we will be serving our comforting hot drinks and a delicious array of cakes and scones.



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June 22nd Boules Tournament

This is a charity event. Teams of three are invited to take up the challenge at the Royal Oak. The cost is £25 per team, £5.00 of which will go to the Hampshire Medical Fund. More information is available at the Royal Oak where tickets are on sale.

FAST FORWARDING TO THE AUTUMN

Not that we want to wish the summer away, but we are planning an exciting programme of events for you from September onwards....

September 6th Line Dancing

Fancy a quick heel to toe, kick-ball-change or shuffle? Then come along to the hall on Saturday 6th September and learn a few of the basic line dancing steps under the expert guidance of Ann Gain.

Whether you want an excuse to pull on your cowboy boots, don a Stetson or just catch up on a bit of light exercise then this evening is for you! The country music will be lively and the evening great fun. You are guaranteed to leave grinning from ear to ear!

Look out for more information closer to the date.



Dates are still to be decided for the following events:-

October Cheese and Wine Evening

Come and sample some delicious cheeses and wine at our October Cheese and Wine Evening. Whether you are an expert or not we are planning an enjoyable social evening for you.

This will be a first for us so do come and show your support!



November Quiz Night:

This is an established village favorite and now is not too soon to start boning up for the searching questions that will be provided by our wonderful Quiz Master Ian Cameron.....

December Christmas Crafts:

Another village favourite is our Christmas Craft Night, enjoy a relaxed evening of creativity sipping mulled wine and making some lovely seasonal décor!



AND NOW FOR THE CRICKET!

Wasn't it wonderful to see a cricket match being played out on our recreation field during the VErY Big Picnic?

So quintessentially British!

Did you know that most of the players were "home grown"? Between them, they spanned a good few decades and certainly one should not underestimate the skills and energy of the younger players! My the speed of the bowling! The excellent fielding and, sitting on the front line as a spectator there was the occasional ball that could have caused a concussion, such was the batting!

I know very little about cricket, but it was most entertaining, and the cricket tea was also worthy of a mention – not that I was allowed to sample any

Wouldn't it be nice if cricket once more became a regular feature of our village green?





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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 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

Ballet Grade 5 ballet lessons. School years 7-9. Contact hollyunnukballet.com for more details.

Watership Down Gardening Club 7-9pm. 1st Wednesday monthly. Enquiries ecchinswellhall@gmail.com

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

**Well, that's it folks! A big Thank you for reading our letters over the past year!
We'll be back in the Autumn with more News and Events!**



**In the meantime, from all of us at the Village Hall
HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

This E-Newsletter is produced by the Events Team which is a subcommittee of the Village Hall Committee

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