



ECCHINSWELL VILLAGE HALL

e-Newsletter January 2025

Happy New Year every one! I do hope that you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas! Did anyone see Santa flying in a Northerly direction over St Lawrence Church just before midnight on Christmas Eve? Despite the rather gloomy weather there's always a warmth at Christmas time and this year it was aided by the Netflix's most watched film on Christmas Day – a close up of a log fire burning for an hour! A cosy back drop if you don't have a real one I guess and good for the environment too.....

The festive season started early in December with our monthly Coffee Morning when we enjoyed mulled wine, mince pies and the company of our local school children! That was closely followed by a Christmas Craft Evening - the hall turning into a hive of creativity whilst Christmas wreathes were lovingly created under the expert guidance of Tracey and Sylvia. Well done everyone and a big thank you to Tracey and Sylvia!



You may well be wondering what the green feathered cap in the header above has to do with Christmas, The New Year or January; well if you must, fast forward to page 2 but don't forget it's Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7th.

So, what's happening in January and beyond.....

January

January 7th and February 4th – Coffee Morning 10.00am

Do come and join us! The first Tuesday morning in the month is Coffee Morning so come on down to the Village Hall for the three C's – a cuppa, cake and a chat!

With Christmas still a colourful memory and the New Year just started there's plenty to talk about and there's always a warm welcome!

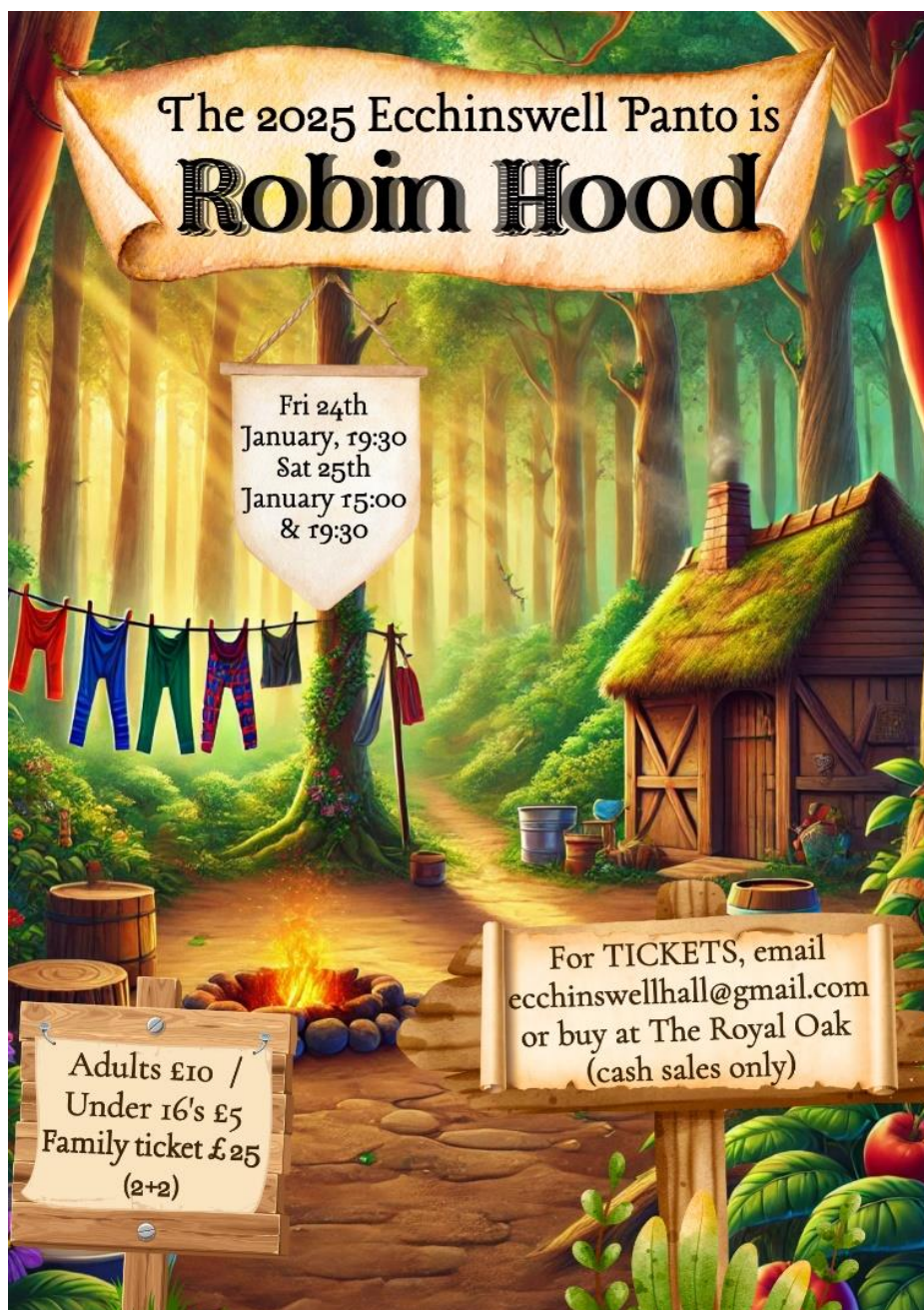
If you have any donations for our February jumble sale, please bring them along. We will be grateful for clean wearable/usable items.

Thank you!





January 24th and 25th Robin Hood Our Village Pantomime



🌿 **Robin Hood** 🌿
**A Panto Packed
with Laughs!**

Oh no, you didn't! Oh yes, we did!

The village panto is back with a bang, and this year we're taking aim at the legendary outlaw himself in **Robin Hood**!

Join Robin and his band of misfit merry men (and women and kids, of course!) as they take on the dastardly Sheriff of Sydmonton.....

Packed with quick wit, cheeky gags, and enough custard pies to start a dessert factory. It's a side-splitting spectacle you won't want to miss!



Will Robin save the day or end up in a sticky situation? Will Maid Marian say "I do"? Come and find out—tickets are going faster than Friar Tuck's second helpings!

Don't miss it, or the Sheriff will have the last laugh (and we can't let that happen)!

Showtimes:

Friday, 24th January at 19:30 and Saturday, 25th January at 15:00 & 19:30

Tickets Available Now—buy using cash from the Royal Oak pub, or email: Ecchinswellhall@gmail.com



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February 8th Jumble Sale 2.00-4.30



Have you got the date for our jumble sale (**February 8th**) in your diary? Do make a note! And here are some other “Jumble Sale” related dates:-

Tuesday 7th January 10.00-11.30

Saturday 1st February 10.00-14.00

Friday 7th February 16.00-19.00

Saturday 8th February 10.00-12.00

These are all times when **you can bring your donations** to the village hall. We are keen to receive clothing (ladies'/men's/children's), Brica-Brac/, books, toys etc. All items clean/in working order please. We can't accept large items such as furniture, bicycles etc Thank you!

We also need helpers for the above dates/times and all day on the day of the sale. Contact us on ecchinswellhall@gmail.com with any dates that you can manage clearly marking your email Jumble Sale. The day of the sale will be by far our busiest day! It will be a fun and rewarding day **and we need your help to make it a success!**

February 22nd Race Night 7.00pm

Emulate a day at the races – all the fun and excitement in the warmth and comfort of our Village Hall! Ticket prices have been held at the 2024 level and include free table snacks.

Would you like to sponsor a race? Sponsoring a race adds to the fun as the sponsor and their guests get to name the horses for their race. If this idea appeals don't delay as the sponsorship packages are limited and we are expecting them to be snapped up!

To make enquiries regarding sponsorship, table reservations or advanced tickets contact us on ecchinswellhall@gmail.com marking your email Race Night. Tickets on sale from 27/01.

March 29th Tabletop Games

A new one for us. Bring out the child in you and culture your competitive spirit at our games evening. A chance to revisit some of those silly games from your youth but leave the kids at home - you wouldn't want to give them something to snigger about.... Guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's face!

June Family Fun Day

Date and details to be decided.

Ecchinswell Village Hall Race Night



£5

Pay on the door

7pm Saturday 22nd Feb, 2025
BAR & NIBBLES & FORTUNES TO BE MADE!



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NEWS FROM THE REGULAR USERS

The New Year is a time for a fresh start, and this often involves resolutions of the health and fitness kind so this month I thought it would be timely to share with you what goes on in the hall most Wednesday mornings between 10.00 and 11.00am. This is when Danni runs her Pilates class. We are a small group of ladies (although the occasional man does join us). Danni takes us through a series of toning, stretching and strengthening exercises. The classes are varied using different props including chairs, the wall, weapons of torture (joking) and always the floor! For each exercise there are levels to choose from so nobody should feel over challenged and Danni is checking our posture throughout. Sometimes after class there is time for a hot drink, giving us the chance to get to know each other better.



This is what Danni says

“I make sure every class is carried out at a slower pace, so you have time to listen to the instruction given and think about your posture and spinal alignment, as well as making sure you are using the right muscles for the exercises practiced. The lessons are varied and well-structured and I offer a different programme each week that caters for all ages, abilities and levels.”

And this is Sydney who has her own version of “Downward Facing Dog”





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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 Twins Club please contact the teachers, details supplied below.

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

Tuesdays: Coffee Morning First Tuesday of each month 10-11.30am.

Ballet Intermediate/Advanced ballet lessons. Contact hollyunnukballet.com for more details.

Wednesdays: Pilates 10-11am, £10 per session. All abilities welcome, just turn up on the day.

Please note there is no class on 15/01 and 22/01 due to holidays.

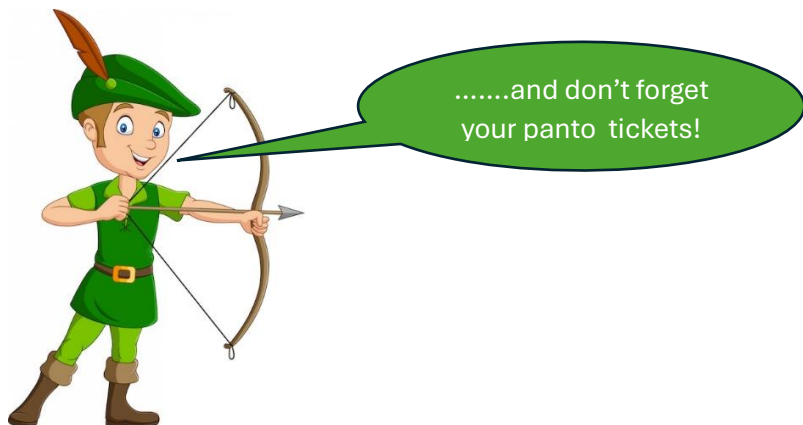
Ballet Grade 5 ballet lessons. School years 7-9. Contact hollyunnukballet.com for more details.

Thursdays: Table Tennis 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 7pm until 9pm. Ages 16 to 106, all abilities, a 'just for fun' session. Future dates: There is no table tennis in January, but we are back in February with sessions on the 13th and 27th as usual.

Fridays: Newbury Twins Club Twice a month on Fridays, 9.30-12.30 For more details please visit the website - <https://www.twin-club.co.uk/>

AND FINALLY It just remains for all of us here at the Village Hall to wish each and every one of you

GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY FOR 2025
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



That's all for now Folks! Look out for your next Newsletter in about one month's time.....

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