

The **New** East Boldre Village Hall 2023/24 Project

April 2023



The Renovation Project

The Village Hall project is gathering momentum and we are delighted to give you the following news.

- ★ The New Forest NPA granted planning permission for our project.
- ★ Structural engineers have drawn up the required building plans and we are awaiting tenders from local builders.
- ★ Having waited for the Community Benefit Society to secure their main funding for the shop, we have now started our funding application process. We are aiming to secure funds from:
 - ♥ Heritage Lottery Fund for the historical parts of the project
 - ♠ Other funds including the:
 - ♣ National Lottery Communities Fund
 - ♣ HCC Leader's Fund
 - ♣ New Forest NPA
 - ♣ New Forest District Council
 - ♣ Garfield Weston Foundation
 - ♣ Charles Burnett Foundation
- ♠ Currently, we have nearly £40,000 of funds in the project kitty from previous grants and fundraising activities and the Parish Council have committed another £2,500 on top of that. If the above funds cannot cover our costs, we shall appeal to our friends in the community and beyond to raise the remainder through a crowdfunding appeal.

The 2022 Survey

A big thank you to all who kindly responded to our survey and volunteered to help. We are delighted to have received so many positive comments. This is how it has helped:

- ♦ 94% of respondents supported our plans which gave us confidence we had your support to proceed.
 - ♦ 81% said they'd like film nights at the hall, 88% theatre and 73% live streaming. 13 people offered to help with cinema and 5 with theatre. This makes us confident that plans for cinema and theatre are viable.
 - ♦ 88% said they'd like more historical events at the hall. The New Forest & Hampshire Wartime Association, a new historical association based at the hall, now provide monthly talks (see other side for details). These are advertised on the NFHWA website and Facebook as well as through our e-newsletter, the hall website and Facebook page. More exhibitions are in the pipeline on both military and New Forest history.
 - ♦ 96% agreed it's important to keep the hall for future generations and 9 have offered to help at historical events. We're planning several heritage projects including work to record the social history of the hall over the past 100 years and several more books on East Boldre's military and aviation history. The NFHWA have plans for a pop-up museum, a 3-D display of the airfields during wartime, educational packs and activities for local schools.
 - ♦ 93% said they'd use the hall more often if the activities they wanted were provided there. Apart from the cinema, theatre and heritage events, these include activities such as exercise classes, community events, singing, music and drama. (How good would that be if we could get a local drama group running again!)
- [One respondent asked about working from home facilities. We have an office space and WiFi so please do get in touch.](#)
- ♦ Over half the respondents said they would walk or cycle to the hall which will ease pressure on limited car parking spaces and reduce traffic emissions in the village.

Public Meetings

Tuesday 2 May
6:30–8:00 pm
&
Saturday 13 May
2:00–4:00 pm

Many of you who responded to our survey have kindly offered to help, not only with the hall activities but with the various tasks which are essential for the continued smooth running of the hall.

Please come to the public meetings to tell us more about how you can help.

Now that the hall team are heavily involved with the renovation project, some of them need to lighten their heavy workload. On top of that, after 20 years in the role, our Secretary has retired and our Bookings Secretary has stepped back. So, these two roles must be filled urgently by volunteers with admin and communication skills.

There are other roles to be filled, some as soon as possible and others once the renovation is completed.

We'll discuss the progress of the project, explain what help is needed and what the jobs involve, and answer your questions with a friendly chat over a cup of tea.

Without enough volunteers for a full team, the future of the renovation project and the hall is in doubt.

What's On

Barré	Mondays 9:30 - 10:30 am	Contact Lesley on 07771 881443
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 5 - 6 pm	
Zumba	Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm	
Pilates	Wednesdays 7 - 8 pm	
Hatha Yoga	Thursdays 6:30 - 7:45 pm	Contact Dawn 07715 405400 wadesyoga@hotmail.com
Coffee Mornings	Every 2 nd Saturday 11am - 1pm	Open to all in the Parish
Beaulieu Craft	First Monday of every month (except August) 2 - 4pm	Membership enquiries to julie.sheppard2@btinternet.com
Beaulieu Horticulture	Next talk Tuesday 16 May, 7 for 7:30 pm on Drought Resistant Gardens by Jannetter Merilion	Membership enquiries to Lynne 01590 612408 lynnehd@aol.com
Canine Massage	Saturday 29 April Sunday 25 June Saturday 21 October Sunday 2 December	Contact Gill 07889 607360 greatandsmallmassage@gmail.com www.greatandsmallmassage.co.uk
Fresh-Air First Aid Training	Sat/Sun 20/21 May Sat/Sun 17/18 June	Contact Glyn 01590 612509 hello@freshair-training.co.uk freshair-training.co.uk
Meditation Workshop	Next Foundation course starts Sat/Sun 23/24 September	Contact Heather 07834 788988 heatherheaton.shamanka@gmail.com

Talks from New Forest & Hampshire Wartime Assoc

Talks are scheduled for most 3rd Fridays of the month, the next one being on April 21 about the Southampton Blitz then:-

May 19 - The Story of the Southampton Spitfires

June 16 - New Forest Home Front - WW2

More talks are scheduled for:

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

Doors usually open 7pm for 7:15 talk but check times. Tickets available online from Ticketsource, available from Monday after the previous talk. Watch for announcements on the website, e-newsletter and Facebook page for when tickets go on sale. If you can't go online, contact the hall about buying your tickets at the door.

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Village Hall Trustee
Legal Beagle



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Could this be YOU?
We have jobs for volunteers to suit their skills. If this is you, please get in touch.

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