



The Community Hub

Welcome to the first edition of our new Wilsden Village Hall newsletter!

The hall has so much to offer for the whole village, it really is

“the hub of your community”.

Take a look at our timetable on page 5 for clubs and groups available for 2020. There is something to suit everybody of all ages and interests.

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Room Hire

We have a choice of rooms you can hire for any type of meeting, function or party, including the use of our fully fitted kitchen.

Come along to view our Main Hall, Library/Meeting Room or Youth Club area with kitchen. Contact the team for availability and prices.

Speak to Milton, Paul or Kelley for details.

Tell Us What you Think About the Hall!



We'd really appreciate you spending a couple of minutes telling us what you think about the hall, its facilities, things we are doing well and areas you think we could improve on.

To do this please click on the link below.

Click [HERE](#) to complete Survey

Alternatively, paper copies of our short survey are available from the hall.

Thank You!!

Meet the Team

Milton Pearson

Milton Pearson is the Village Hall Manager and has more than thirty years' experience of both volunteering and working in the voluntary and community sector. Twenty-four of those years were spent working in Craven in North Yorkshire as the Chief Executive Officer of Craven Community and Voluntary Service (CVS). Milton worked at a county and regional level representing the Craven CVS on a range of issues including, Health, Social Care, the Elderly, Children, the Elderly Mentally ill and Funding.

Over the years, Milton has gained many qualifications including, ILM level 5, SFEDI Level 5 Business support, Certificate in Personal and Professional Skills (LMU), BA Hons in Community Studies and Dip HE - C&G 730 teaching certificate.

Milton is married to Jane and has a son, three daughters, three grandchildren and two cats.

In his spare time, he runs a classic MGB GT car, enjoys photography and walking.



Paul Westcott

Paul our Deputy Manager qualified as a Solicitor in 1989 after originally graduating with a First in History and Politics from Manchester University and after a period in Financial Services. His broad legal experience included general contentious work including Matrimonial, Personal Injury, Commercial Litigation, and Landlord and Tenant. Latterly he specialised in Matrimonial Finance work and headed the Matrimonial Department of a leading local firm until 2010. He retired from the legal profession in 2015. Paul has lived in the Wilsden area since 1995.



Kelley Sutcliffe

As the newest member of the team, Kelley joined Wilsden Village Hall in November 2019 as an Administration Assistant.

Originally from Scotland (although born in St Ives, Cambridgeshire to Scottish Parents who lived there for 10 years) Kelley now lives in Wilsden.

Together with her husband Mathew they have two daughters, one who attends Wilsden Primary School and the other attends Wilsden Village Nursery School, based at Wilsden Village Hall.

Kelley worked at Yorkshire Bank for 10 years in various roles including, Managing Partners Associate, Business & Private Banking Associate and Business Online Banking Partner. Whilst at YB, Kelley gained a background in corporate event management which she is putting to good use at The Village Hall as her role involves organising fund raising events as well as office administration duties.



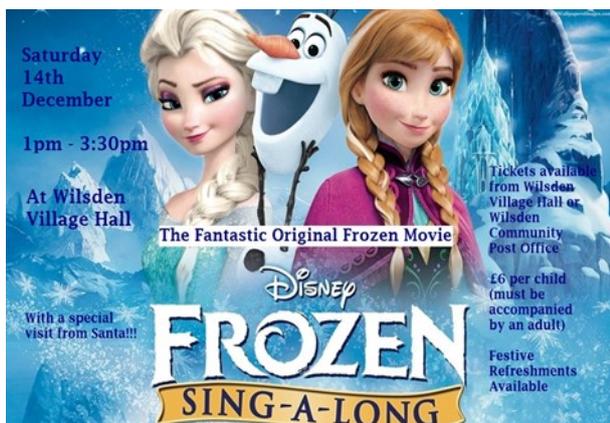
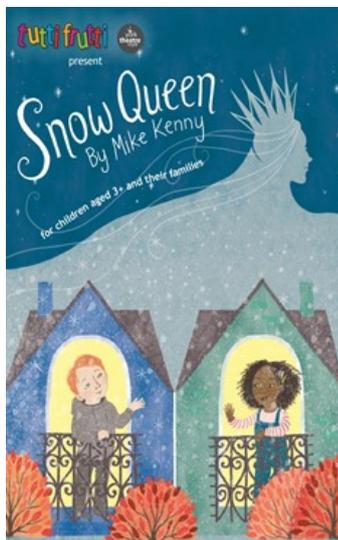
Marcus Dickerson

Marcus is the Technical Manager who looks after the hall's maintenance and general upkeep. He is also our in-house photographer with his own emerging internationally published and award winning photography business.



* **Groups, Classes & Events**

Wilsden Village Hall hosts 26 groups which deliver 31 regular sessions each week. These range from dance classes, youth clubs, art classes, taekwondo for toddlers, and yoga through to a luncheon club, uniformed groups and the Wilsden Thursday afternoon group. There is also a library which is open every Tuesday with a wide selection of books for adults and children as well as computers for anyone to use. Recent community events at the hall have included our Club 60 – 100 evenings, theatre productions Happy Jack and The Snow Queen, a Family fun day with Paw Patrol, Count Down to Christmas with Santa and Olaf (not forgetting the donkey!), a Mamma Mia Sing Along night, a Frozen Sing Along afternoon and our famous annual beer & gin festival!!



WILSDEN VILLAGE HALL TIMETABLE 2020

Weekday	Group Name	Starts	Finishes	Location
Monday	Wilsden Walkers	09:15	11:30	Library Room
	Taekwondo Tots	09:30	10:00	Main Hall
	Wilsden Indoor Bowls	13:30	15:30	Main Hall
	Wilsden Art Group	14:00	16:15	Library Room
	Beavers	18:00	19:00	Lower Hall
	Senior Youth Club	18:30	20:30	Youth Club
	Girl Guides	19:15	20:45	Lower Hall
	Zumba Fitness	19:30	20:30	Main Hall
	Tuesday	Library	10:00	19:00
	Luncheon Club	12:30	14:10	Main Hall/Kitchen
	Jennifer's Dancekool (3-6yrs)	17:00	17:45	Main Hall
	Jennifer's Dancekool (7-9yrs)	17:45	18:30	Main Hall
	Cubs	18:15	19:30	Lower Hall
	P&J Stompers Linedancing	19:00	21:00	Youth Club
	Scouts	19:30	21:15	Lower Hall
	Wilsden Auctions - Items accepted	19:00	21:00	Main Hall
	(1st Tuesday of the month only)			
Wednesday	Mother & Toddler's	09:15	11:30	Main Hall/Youth Club
	Yoga with Nick Toehill	19:00	20:00	Main Hall/Youth Club
	Wilsden Auctions & café - Viewings Only	12:00	17:00	
	(1st Wednesday of the month only)			Library room
	Wilsden Auctions Sales	17:00	21:00	Main Hall
	(1st Wednesday of the month only)			
Thursday	Wilsden Auctions	09:00	12:00	Library Room
	(1st Thursday of the month only)			
	Wilsden Thursday afternoon Group	14:30	16:30	Main Hall/Library Room
	Jennifer's Dancekool (10-13yrs)	18:00	18:45	Main Hall
	Wilsden 1st Brownies	18:15	19:45	Lower Hall
	Jennifer's Dancekool (14-18yrs)	18:45	19:45	Main Hall
	Senior Youth Club (12 - 18 yrs.)	18:30	20:30	Youth Club
Friday	Pilates	09:45	10:45	Main Hall
	Little Learner/Messy play	11:30	14:30	
	Junior Youth Club	18:00	20:00	Youth Club
Saturday	Little Bear Feet with Melody Bear	09:30	10:45	Main Hall
All week	Wilsden Village Nurse School	09:00	15:00	Lower Hall

Wilsden Senior Indoor Bowling

We are a small group of Senior Citizens, reasonably fit, who enjoy an afternoon of playing indoor bowling. We are not in a “league” but enjoy competing amongst ourselves. Monday afternoons enable us to get off our sofas and away from the television and socialise with friendly folks who enjoy a bit of a chat and cup of tea, halfway through our two-hour session at Wilsden Village Hall. The exercise is an added bonus. The Club is going well and we have acquired five new members recently.

If required, further details can be obtained from [Marlene Throup](mailto:Marlene.Throup@wilsden.org.uk) 01535 272 677.



The new heating system and insulation

Thanks to the ever-vigilant Parish Council representative trustees Wilsden Village Hall was able to make a timely and successful funding application to the Rural Development Programme for England South Pennines Leader fund. An 80% grant of the total cost of £53,189.00, has enabled the village hall to replace the original boilers and radiators (installed in 1976) throughout the hall and also bring the loft insulation up to current specifications. The additional 20% was funded via a loan from the Key Fund and by using some of the funds donated to the village hall 40 Candles appeal (thank you to all those who contributed to the fund).

For those of you with a technical leaning, a tricky element of the new installation was linking the new boilers to the existing pipework. The old system was designed to operate at a lower pressure than the new one. The solution was to install a heat exchange system. This entails operating two closed systems which are linked by a heat exchange plate. The heat transfers from the high-pressure system to the low-pressure system via the plate, heating the water in the low-pressure system.

The new system is zoned enabling the various parts of the hall to be heated or turned off as required and is as you would expect much more efficient. Estimates from Leeds University suggest the hall should be able to save between 25 and 30% of its spend on energy. Whilst also reducing our impact on the environment.



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:
Europe investing in rural areas



Wilsden Good Neighbours Scheme

The scheme run a lunch club at the village hall for people of pensionable age on a Tuesday 12.00 to 2.00pm, 48 weeks a year. For almost 40 years it has provided a two-course hot meal and an opportunity to socialise in a relaxed atmosphere. In 1979 Dennise Wilson and Pauline Brooke started the group to provide hot food. By 2000 Val Smith took over as organiser leading the volunteer group of 8. Serving about 25 meals each week. Today approximately 30 people attend regularly.

If you are interested in joining the group for lunch then contact [Val on 07950 122796](tel:07950122796) and your name will be added to the short waiting list.



Events in 2020!!

* **New! Open Mic Nights**



Following the huge success of our first Open Mic Night held on Wednesday 12th February, we are pleased to announce that this will now be a regular event!!

Singers, musicians, comedians, poets..... or any other types of entertainers are welcome!!

Free entry for everyone, just contact Wilsden Village Hall to register your name and type of act or come along if you would just like to sit back, relax and watch the show!

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR NEXT DATE!!



* **Music in Wilsden – Presenting Plumhall – Saturday 29th February**

Make the most of the extra day in February and come along to see this amazing duo at our live music event.

On Saturday 29th February at Wilsden Village Hall.

Doors open at 7pm and a bar will be available serving local beers, gin, wine and cider as well as soft drinks.

Tickets are £8 each and are available from Wilsden Village Hall or online via Eventbrite using the link below.....

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/plumhall-live-at-wilsden-village-hall-tickets-74865722391>



* Novel Writing Workshop – Saturday 7th March

Have you ever felt you had a novel in you? Have you tried to write one in the past and given up, or are you attempting to write one at the moment? Make 2020 the year you finally write “The End”!

Come along to our novel writing workshop, coordinated by local author Lisa Firth. Lisa has had six romantic comedy novels published under the pen name Mary Jayne Baker, and also writes contemporary women’s fiction as Lisa Swift.

Topics covered will include plotting; voice and dialogue; editing, and advice on routes to publication. Writing exercises will also be included.

Saturday 7th March, from 9am – 12pm

Tickets for the workshop are £15 each, including materials and refreshments.

Tickets are available from Wilsden Village Hall or online through Eventbrite using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/novel-writing-workshop-tickets-88476641015>



* Club 60 to 100 - St George’s Themed Night - Saturday 25th April

The first Club 60 to 100 Rock & Roll event of the year will be held on Saturday 25th April, just after St George’s Day!

What better excuse to dress up (in red and white?) and come along to Wilsden Village Hall to dance the night away.

Tickets will be £6 per person for entry only or £10 including food and a drink.

Tickets will be available from Wilsden Village Hall or Wilsden Community Post Office from Monday 2nd March.



* VE Day Celebrations – Friday 8th May

Wilsden Village Hall in conjunction with Wilsden Parish Council are organising a special 75th VE Day Street Party on Friday 8th May, between 1:30-4pm.

Please come along to enjoy the 1940s style entertainment, music and wartime refreshments

If you like dressing up, please feel free to wear home-front costumes and have your photo taken with Winston Churchill!!

Bring along a picnic and a blanket and enjoy the afternoon entertainment on this special day!



* 75th VE Day – Wartime Stories

As part of the celebrations, Jane Callaghan of Wilsden Parish council has been asking villagers about memories of what life was like in Wilsden Village during wartime.

Here are a couple of stories she has heard so far about food rationing.....

- * Some of a consignment of discarded chocolate, from Terry's in York, was diverted from its intended use of feeding pigs on a Wilsden Farm and ended up being eaten by the village's children, none of whom seem to have come to any harm.
- * A lady who lived at the bottom of Dolly Hill, near to the fish and chip shop, took a 'chicken' sandwich around to her neighbour to try. It turned out to be a young rook which had fallen out of the trees by the beck. She didn't eat it, even in wartime there are limits!

Jane would love to hear some more memories from people who remember living through the war and has asked villagers to contact her with their stories about what life was like for them and their families.

Please could anyone who would like to tell their story contact Jane on **07986 294757** or jane.callaghan@wilsdenparishcouncil.gov.uk with their own contact details.

She would love to hear as many as possible!!

Beer & Gin Festival 2020 – Saturday 30th May

Following the huge success of our beer and gin festival last year, we are planning the 2020 event for Saturday 30th May

.....**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Come along and enjoy the variety of local beers, gins, wines and ciders.

Locally sourced food will be available to purchase and there will be live music and activities for children.

Tickets will £6 each (includes a branded glass, tokens and a booklet) and will available from Wilsden Village Hall or online through Eventbrite nearer the date.

Look out for updates on our Facebook page and website (details on Page 1).



**Many Thanks to the Sponsors for this year's Beer & Gin Festival.
Without their support it would not be possible to run this fundraising event.**

- * Caterleisure
- * Wilsden Autos
- * Sarah Farrar Opticians
- * BAWCO
- * Alan Slater Property Services
- * Salter Royd Equestrian Centre
- * JWP Automotive Repairs
- * Oakdale Contractors

We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up before the festival, helping behind the bar, or taking/serving food orders during the festival..... and finally clearing up afterwards.

Please let us know if you can help out (even for just an hour).

It would be very much appreciated!

* Chris Moore



We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Chris Moore for his long service to the Wilsden community in many areas and ventures, in particular as a member of the Board of Trustees for Wilsden Village Hall for over 40 years!!

Chris took the decision to resign at the end of 2019 after being an integral member of the board since the hall opened in 1976. He has undertaken several roles over the years with his last being the Treasurer.

Chris was the Group Scout Leader for both the Cubs and Scouts in the Village for many years. Under his stewardship both groups flourished and many leaders benefitted from his support and wise counsel. Many of the former Cubs and Scouts now reaching middle years speak fondly of their time in the Wilsden Scout Group and the influence that this has had on their future lives. This was in large part due to the stability, leadership and just good common sense Chris provided during those years.

Chris was and continues to be a big fan of the outdoors, a keen caravaner and walker. With others he has made a major contribution in identifying and preserving the many excellent walks that we now enjoy around Wilsden and surrounding area. If you want information about routes and paths, he is your man.

In summary, we'd like to say thank you to Chris for his selfless service, good humour, modesty and basically always being a willing volunteer but never one to seek the limelight.

Chris Moore (pictured left) has kindly provided a statement about his memories of being an integral part of the Wilsden Community.

“Our Village Hall depends on Volunteer Trustees to govern how the Hall is financed and run for the benefit of Wilsdeners in general. As a recently retired Trustee I hope one or more residents will put themselves forward to join the committee to ensure continuity of stewardship.

Back in 1970, an off cum'd 'un of seven years residence with a young family, I joined the embryonic Village Society which published a Plan for Wilsden in 1971. By 1976 after enthusiastic local fund raising by many bold and imaginative members and generous match funding from public authorities we opened the Village Hall. No Facebook then to promote Aire Fairs!

During this period our sons had joined the newly formed Cub Scout Pack meeting at St Matthews, Royd Street; dad was persuaded to join the parents committee and became Chair and later Group Scout Leader. So after brief spells in the Methodist basement and Congregational Sunday School the Scout Group and the Guides moved to the Village Hall basement having made a financial contribution enabling an extension to suit.

The Trust Deed for the Hall specified a Management committee which included a representative for the uniformed youth groups and that is how I became a member o' t' committee.

How times have changed for this independent community registered charity then having a full time professional youth leader / warden/ licensee and substantial annual financial support from the local authority. Today the Hall is a charitable Company Limited by Guarantee, satisfying increased legislation, buying in management services and with essential generous support from the Parish Council.

The hall continues to provide a home for many local voluntary groups and Wilsden Village Nursery School, all contributing to income. It also provides a venue for functions bringing in much needed external income.

Wilsden Village Society revived the village Gala which for many years was based on and run by the Hall. Setting up Friday night, manning stalls on Saturday, Disco dance Saturday Night (fever pitch), clear up Sunday morning; PHEW! What enthusiasm and support! The Gala is now independent but continues its' welcome support when funds allow. Hopefully there will be a resurgent interest in new public local functions which are planned in the Hall”.



Did you know that you can donate to our charity at no extra cost to you, when you place orders through Amazon Smile?

Simply log in through www.smile.amazon.co.uk

Shop as usual, then select Wilsden Village Hall as your chosen charity and we will receive a donation for every purchase!

* **We are a local Charity Organisation**

Our Village Hall depends on volunteer Trustees to govern how the hall is financed and run for the benefit of Wilsdeners in general.

As a charity organisation, Wilsden Village Hall relies heavily on donations from individuals, groups, organisations and businesses in the community.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for support we have received up to date and for any future donations of which we would be most grateful.

Thank You!!

Wilsden Village Hall is currently supported by the following groups and organisations:-

- * P&J Idle Stompers
- * Co-op Local Community Fund
- * BMDC
- * Leader
- * The Key Fund
- * Royd House Trust
- * Wilsden Good Neighbours
- * Wilsden Parish Council
- * Wilsden Walkers
- * Wilsden W.I
- * Wilsden Gala Committee
- * Wilsden Thursday Afternoon Group
- * Wilsden Trinity Methodist Church URLEP
- * Mr & Mrs J. Bartle

