



The Community Hub



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Spring is well and truly here and Wilsden is looking wonderful with seasonal flowers, blossom trees and greenery wherever you look, making the village seem bursting with life. Things are certainly getting livelier at the hall too with a full timetable of groups and classes as well as some exciting dates coming up for the Spring and Summer months.

We have some new team members who have joined us to help with the busier workload and we're also looking for paid temporary staff to help at evening and weekend events. This would be a great opportunity for anyone looking for work experience to put on their CV or to simply help support the hall in their spare time and enjoy being part of our friendly team.

Thank you to **David Shaw** who allowed us to use his stunning photo of a purple poppy field.

* Tell Us What you Think!

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 this link <https://rb.gy/hzxbst>

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

Thank You!!

* Village Hall News & Updates

* New Team members

We would like to introduce our two new team members who joined us in March and have been working with new ideas to promote the hall. Here are a few words of introduction from them both.

Ryan Troy - Social Media and Events Manager.

"I have been a social media manager and photographer for around 6 years now. I have put on events which include music nights, art exhibitions, bric-a-brac fairs and more. I look forward to bringing loads of great events to the Wilsden Village Hall. If you have any ideas or any bands or acts etc. that you think would be great at the village hall then please email me on social@wilsdenvillagehall.co.uk."

Jean Hahn - Business Promotions Manager.

"After working 44 years, retiring, and getting bored, I jumped at the chance of working with the village hall team - I've lived in the village over 30 years and used the hall for many things over those years. I intend to use my HR/training/business events experience to attract new clients to the hall and work with them to ensure their event is a success. You'll also see me helping out on lots of other events too. We hope to make sure the Village Hall remains a community resource to be proud of."

* Temporary Staff Vacancies

We are looking to create a pool of staff to help out at evening and weekend events such as our Open Mic Nights, our live music night with Plumhall (21st May), the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (5th June) and our Wedding Fair (11th September). Duties would include helping to set up before an event, for example putting out tables and chairs, setting up and running the bar and helping to clear up at the end of an event. Work would be on an ad hoc basis whenever events are arranged and we would give as much notice as possible to check your availability. The rate of pay will be age related minimum wage.

If this sounds like something that would suit you, please email your CV to wvh@btconnect.com or give us a call on 01535 272 786 if you have any queries about the role.

* Hearing Induction Loop & Access Lift Installation

These new enhancements to the hall have both been successfully installed over the last couple of months. The hearing loop can be used in all of our rooms and the lift goes down to our Youth Centre. We would like to say a big thank you to **Definition Audio Visual** for installing the Hearing Loop, to our Wilsden based local builder, **Graham Horsley Builders** for creating the required space needed for the lift and **A1 Access Lifts Ltd** for installing the lift itself. All of these companies completed the jobs very professionally and we are really grateful for their services.



* Village Hall News & Updates

* Community Hero Awards Ceremony 2022

We were very proud to host this wonderful night for the Community Hero Awards at Wilsden Village Hall. The initiative was run in conjunction with Wilsden Community Post Office, Wilsden Parish Council and Wilsden Primary School with the purpose of giving residents the opportunity to nominate someone or a group who they think go above and beyond to help others in the community. This could be someone who has a job which they do exceedingly well which benefits others and makes a difference or a volunteer who helps to support ventures in the villages.

The night was a huge success, attended by nearly 100 guests who were invited either as a nominator or a nominee. Each nominee received a prize and certificate and the winner received a trophy, a voucher to redeem in one of our local businesses as well as a Room to Reward voucher which entitled the winner to a hotel stay at a choice of venues.



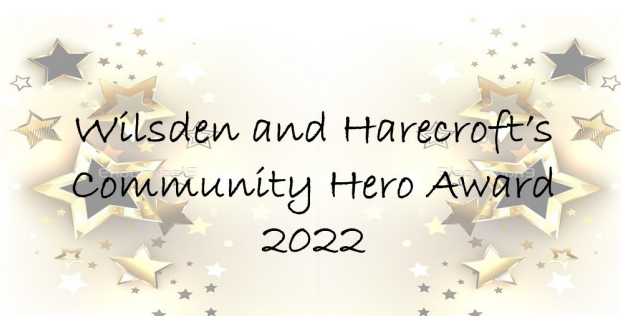
We would like to offer a huge congratulations to the winning group "Sue Downs and her Gardener team" and say a big thank you!! It was difficult to choose a winning nomination from the 21 entries but this group was chosen for their hard work in maintaining several green spaces in our local area, including Wilsden Park and Wilsden Old Cemetery, which are enjoyed by many locals.

There were also Lifetime Achievement Awards for two members of our community who have done so much work over the years. We wanted to take the opportunity to say a big Thank You to them both and present them with an award to show our appreciation for everything they have done.

Chris Moore was a member of the Board of Trustees for Wilsden Village Hall for over 40 years!! He resigned at the end of 2019 after being an integral member of the board since the hall opened in 1976. Chris was also the Group Scout Leader for both the Cubs and Scouts in the Village for many years.

Simon Dickerson was a member of Wilsden Gardening Association (WGA) where he was heavily involved with running both the WGA Hut and the Annual Show. He has also been a trustee on the Wilsden Village Hall Management Committee and became a key member as both Chairman and Treasurer. In 2011, when Bradford Council decided that they needed to close a number of branch libraries as a result of financial cutbacks, Simon was at the forefront of the campaign to keep the library open as a community library and was instrumental in ensuring the library operated smoothly. In 2011 he was also elected to the Parish Council and was chairman from May 2014 to May 2015.

The Awards are now planned to be an annual event so if you know of someone who you think deserves recognition for their efforts, please keep them in mind for next Spring when nominations will open for the Community Hero Awards 2023!!



* The Albion Tearoom



The Albion Tea Room
 BACK 8th APRIL 2022
 Friday Mornings
 10:00 - 12:00

*Meet friends old and new to enjoy
 a cuppa, cake and a chat.*

Everyone is welcome

So come along and enjoy yourself



Assistance Dogs Only Please

After closing for winter, we are pleased to announce that our vintage-style tearoom has reopened and will run every Friday between 10am-12pm. Come along for some mid-morning refreshments and catch up with some friends or have a quiet read of our selection of newspapers.

We are looking to recruit some more volunteers and build a pool of helpers so that people do not have to commit to every Friday and we can create a rota.



If you are available between 9am-1pm on Fridays, a people person, a team player, have good hygiene practices, reliable, a good timekeeper, want to help in the community and are interested in joining our team, email: wvh@btconnect.com or call **01535 272 786**.

* First Open Mic Night of 2022

What a fun night!! For our Open Mic in March, we had a great variety of musicians entertaining us in our wonderful youth centre named "Sam's Bar". Each had the opportunity to perform plenty of their own songs and the night saw a few "jamming sessions" with some of the talented artists joining forces and complementing each other to make fantastic music!

Our Open Mic nights have a friendly, informal atmosphere with lots of laughs and everyone can join in. All types of acts are welcome including comedy, poetry, magic as well as singers and musicians.

Next date will be **Wednesday 18th May** so contact us at the hall if you would like to register your act or just come along to be entertained over a drink or 2!! Free entry on the door for everyone.



OPEN MIC NIGHT
 WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY
 Doors open at 7:00pm, for 7:30pm start.

*Singers, musicians, comedians, poets
 or any other
 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 like to relax
 in the audience and watch the show!*

(Drinks will be available to purchase)

* Sweaty Mamas fitness classes

We have two Sweaty Mamas fitness classes which both run on a Monday, with a mother and baby/toddler exercise class between 10-11am and a Bootcamp class between 7:30-8:30pm.

Female only, fun workouts for all fitness levels. Gradually build fitness and strength, have a laugh and see great results! Come along and get fit before summer!!

Bookings must be made in advance either on the website via this link: <https://rb.gy/moeemc>. or contact Anne either by calling on 07429 342 299 or email: annepowell@sweatymama.com



* Upcoming Events

Plumhall - Saturday 21st May

We are excited to host these talented musicians once again at our venue and look forward to an evening of live musical entertainment in our friendly atmosphere. They will also be supported by the talented **Jon Harvison**. A bar will be available on the night serving a variety of refreshments. Tickets cost £9 and are available from Wilsden Village Hall, Wilsden Community Post Office and online via Eventbrite using this link.

<https://rb.gy/mmlcsh>

Don't miss out on a great night out in our village....get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!!



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Sunday 5th June



Plans are well underway for a family fun day here at the village hall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an extended Bank Holiday weekend! We would like to invite everyone to come along, bring a picnic (weather depending everyone can eat outside on the grass or in the hall) and enjoy a fun day out!!

We will have live music, an ice-cream van, a bouncy castle for children, several craft stalls, a café serving refreshments and a bar serving reasonably priced drinks. There will also be a Crown-making competition and a Jubilee themed cake making competition as well as a raffle, all with prizes to be given on the day.

We are aware there will be several street parties happening in Wilsden over the bank holiday weekend including the Sunday which is why we chose to start and finish early so that villagers can party with their neighbours later in the day.

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN CELEBRATIONS!!

Wedding Fair - Sunday 11th September



Come along to our Wedding Fair and support our local businesses. With a wide range of gift ideas, wedding related products and services and a café serving refreshments. Doors open at 11am and the fair will close at 2pm. Entry is only £1 per person. If you are a local business who would like to hire a table, please get in touch to book your place. Tables cost £20 each and will be booked on a first come first served basis.

To book your table(s) please contact us by calling 01535 272 786 or email wvh@btconnect.com.

* **Timetable 2022**

DAY	GROUP NAME	STARTS	FINISHES	LOCATION
MONDAY	Wilsden Walkers	09:15	11:30	Meeting Room
	Pilates	09:45	10:45	Main Hall
	Sweaty Mamas Fitness Class	10:00	11:00	Youth Centre
	Adult Tap Dancing	11:00	12:00	Main Hall
	Wilsden Indoor Bowls	13:30	15:30	Main Hall
	Wilsden Art Group	14:00	16:15	Meeting Room
	Beavers	18:00	19:00	Lower Hall
	Senior Youth Club	18:30	20:30	Youth Centre
	Sweaty Mamas Fitness Classes	19:30	20:30	Main Hall
	Girl Guides	19:15	20:45	Lower Hall
TUESDAY	Library	10:30	17:30	Meeting Room
	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 Line-dancing	19:00	21:00	Main Hall
	Men's Peer Support Group	19:00	21:00	Meeting Room
	Scouts	19:30	21:15	Lower Hall
WEDNESDAY	Yoga with Nick Toehill	19:00	20:00	Main Hall
THURSDAY	Toddler Group	09:15	11:15	Main Hall
	Bingley Art Society	14:00	16:00	Meeting Room
	Wilsden Thursday afternoon Group	14:00	16:00	Main Hall
	Jennifer's Dancekool (10-13yrs)	18:00	18:45	Main Hall
	Wilsden 1st Brownies	18:30	20:00	Lower Hall
	Jennifer's Dancekool (14-18yrs)	18:45	19:45	Main Hall
	Senior Youth Club (12 - 18 yrs.)	18:30	20:30	Youth Centre
FRIDAY	Pilates	09:45	10:45	Main Hall
	The Albion Tearoom	10:00	12:00	Meeting Room
	Junior Youth Club	18:00	20:00	Youth Centre
SATURDAY	Little Bear Feet with Melody Bear	09:30	11:15	Main Hall
WEEKDAYS	Wilsden Village Nursey School	09:00	15:00	Lower Hall



* Available for Hire



**We have a variety of rooms perfect for
classes, conferences, weddings and parties!**

* Read some testimonials from some of our recent hirers

"We had a wonderful time and it was amazing being able to use the smaller meeting room for the adults to sit in. It worked really well" - Sarah Taylor, Children's Party in the Main Hall

"Peoplebiz Limited organised and ran a number of short 1 day conferences and workshops at Wilsden Village Hall in 2021. As part of these events I used the newly decorated meeting room, main hall and the kitchen. The main reason for using this venue was natural light, facilities, size, parking and cost. It did not fail on any of these aspects. In the meeting room there was a projector in the ceiling, a great sound system along with 2 flip chart stands. It was well ventilated as was the rest of the building. The team were very helpful and they organised round tables for my events, great beverage facilities and the flexibility to have the whole venue. I would definitely use the Village Hall again and recommend it without doubt." – Jane Turtle, PeopleBiz Ltd

For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the hall on 01535 272 786 or email us at wvh@btconnect.com.



* Special Thanks

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, 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 to date and for any future donations of which we would be most grateful.

Wilsden Village Hall is pleased to be 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

Along with our regular supporters, we would like to thank the following groups and individuals for donations and also volunteering for the hall in recent months.

Thanks to funding from **Wilsden Parish Council**, **Bradford Council's Covid Recognition & Recovery Grant** and a prize voucher from **Room to Reward** for our Community Hero Awards, this was a successful initiative which we hope to continue on an annual basis.

We are really proud that all of our rooms are now accessible to everyone with our Hearing Loop and Access Lift thanks to funding from **Department of Health & Wellbeing Capital Fund for Disabled Facilities in Community Settings**, the **Royd House Trust Fund** and a contribution from **Wilsden Parish Council**.

Amazon Smile Donations - Thank you to everyone who has selected our hall as their chosen charity to receive a contribution every time you shop on Amazon. Throughout the year these small donations add up and last year we received £117. 95.....every little helps!

We would like to remind those who shop online that if they use Amazon already, they could really help Wilsden Village Hall raise some funds for our charity.....at no extra cost to you!!

Simply log in through www.smile.amazon.co.uk using your existing Amazon log in details.

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



Thank You!!