

ALVINGHAM



Village Community Hall

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first issue of the Alvingham Village Community Hall Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep everyone up to date on what is happening at the Alvingham Village Community Hall C.I.O

A new era for the Alvingham Village Hall

Many will be aware that for the last few years discussions between the Village Hall and Social Club committees have centred around merging the two organisations. In the past due to rules and regulations regarding charities and trading, this was not possible. However changes to these rules over the last few years has meant that this can now be done, and of course on all sorts of levels this makes complete sense. So a small sub committee of members of both committees was formed to investigate how this could be done. Hours of work and correspondence with the charities commission followed which has now resulted in the formation of a C.I.O. (*Charitable Incorporated Organisation.*)

This merger has now taken place with new trustees and a management committee has been formed. This means that the Alvingham Village Hall charity and the Alvingham Social Club have, or are in the process of, being closed down and all assets have transferred into the new C.I.O.

Registered on the charity commission register No.1199191

What are the advantages of forming this new CIO. ?

Having one committee gives much better focus and drive to the activities of the hall, and the community it serves. It avoids the unnecessary duplication of costs. It greatly reduces the question of who does what, and who pays for what.

Annual General Meeting

There will be an A.G.M. on the 25th February 2024 at the village hall starting at 7.30pm. Afterwards there will be an informal discussion for all members of the community to put forward suggestions for future use of the facilities



Alvingham Village Community Hall, Yarburgh Road, Alvingham, Louth, Lincolnshire.
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.) Charity No. 1199191
To book the hall please contact Sue on 07396 799933

Questions?

I was a member of the social club, what happens now?

The social club has merged with the village hall, so as such no longer exists. However we are determined to preserve the ethos of the social club, so in fact very little has changed. The hall and bar will open every Friday night, and still offer food when possible. The drinks prices on evenings organised by the AVCH will still be low as before, and we will still strive to offer the same popular events as previously organised by the village hall and the social club, Chine supper, Xmas dinner Spring dinner, open mic nights etc and to have a full list of new events throughout the year. We will also hope to organise new events and activities.

Do we still pay a membership fee?

The social club had around 200 members each paying £10 per year, plus the income from "guest fees". To enable us to continue to offer the same good value as before we need to replace this income. We are therefore inviting you and your family to become "members" of the Alvingham Village Community Hall C.I.O. The cost will be the same, £10 per adult, per year. More details on the last page of this newsletter on what advantages of being a member of the C.I.O will bring to its members.

How will this affect people who book the hall?

Nothing changes, except how they book and pay for the hall.

Sue Bethell has taken on the role of booking coordinator and money taker.

The hall booking phone number is 07396 799933. Also we are now set up to take payments by bank transfer. We hope more and more people will make use of the hall for events, parties, family events etc etc.

What changes will there be?

Only good and positive ones ! The new committee consists of both new and experienced blood. Discussions will soon begin on the investment needed to upgrade the hall and make it fit for purpose for generations to come. If you have any ideas, or can help in anyway, please contact a member of the committee.

How do you see the future?

If Covid has taught us anything, it is the importance of community. Many of the new people who have moved into the village recently have commented on how lucky they feel to have joined such a fantastic community. The Village hall has always been at the centre of this community. The hall belongs to **EVERYONE**, and its up to **EVERYONE** to make the best use of it, and preserve it for future generations. This is what has driven past committees and certainly is what drives the current one.

How can I help?

Firstly become a member of the C.I.O, Secondly, get involved in the life of the hall, join clubs, organise events, then help spread the word far and wide about what a wonderful space the hall is. Alvingham has some great social media coverage, please share news and stories with your friends. If you have a trade or skill, or maybe some spare time, you don't have to be on the committee to help, just tell us what you can offer.

Alvingham Village Community Hall

Your Committee

Chairman Nigel Midgley
Secretary. Annie Stebbings
Treasurer. Gordon Cummings
Hall Bookings. Sue Bethell **07396 799933**

Committee members

Rob Shaw, Richard Duncanson, Viv Duncanson,
Martin Stebbings, Marie McBain, Sue Hodds, Pete Chilvers, Adrian Orpwood,
Suzanne McFarland and Sarah Fawcett





Membership form

Date

Name/s of members joining
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Address and postcode

Tel. No.

E.mail address (for news and events) only

Amount paid by: Cheque/Bank Transfer/Cash. £..... (£10 per person per year)

Bank details for payments. **Lloyds bank, 30 99-50 a/c 23771468 Alvingham Village Community Hall**

Gift Aid. Please tick here if you are a UK tax payer, and you would like us to claim gift aid on your donation

YES/NO

Signed

By becoming a member you agree to abide by the objects of the Alvingham Village Community Hall C.I.O as outlined in section 3 of our constitution .

Objective of the C.I.O

"The provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the village of Alvingham without distinction of political, religious, or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants"

Thank you for your support

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Join the Alvingham Village Community Hall C.I.O.

You are invited to join the Alvingham Village Community Hall C.I.O. for the forthcoming year, 2024
Membership costs only **£10** per person per year.

This optional annual membership scheme helps support the running of the hall, as well as providing the following benefits to members:

- Discounted hourly rate to hire the hall
- Discounted Tickets for most paid-entry events
- A vote at the Annual General Meeting
- The knowledge that you are helping to support and maintain a valuable and much loved local resource ensuring it is available for use by the community both now and in the future.



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Fill in the form overleaf, and either;
Drop into Shaws, along with payment
Drop it behind the bar along with payment.
If paying by Bank transfer, e.mail the form to
Viv Duncanson vivatcarriole@aol.com

Bank details

Lloyds Bank

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Please ensure you quote your name/s as reference so we can record who its from.