

OAKE

COMMUNITY NEWS

FORMERLY OAKE HALL NEWS



Oake, Heathfield, Hillcommon & Hillfarrance

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OAKE HALL NEWS

Best wishes for the New Year to all our local residents and hall users. We have had a very busy year again, with bookings professionally dealt with by Annie Barrett - thanks to her diligence we have funds to maintain the hall and carry out the stream of repairs which are inevitable with a well used building and equally popular recreation space. Please consider the time of day when you contact her and respect her family time: an email with your initial enquiry gives her opportunity to prepare her response, and try to arrange picking up keys during normal hours. We have recently said sad goodbyes to Claire Bimson who has cleaned the hall for us for a number of years, quietly fitting in between the bookings. We welcome Shelley who has taken up the challenge - please be considerate when you use the hall and help by taking your rubbish away with you. Nevertheless, if you experience any problems while renting the hall, please contact a member of the committee as soon as possible.

OAKE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Each Wednesday between 10 and 2.30 there is an opportunity for those of us over 50 to meet together at the hall, to share a meal and companionship and to enjoy some entertainment - this could be Bingo, Dominoes, cards, dancing and exercise for example. However **volunteers are needed** to help serve refreshments including a main meal at lunchtime, help with the washing up and if you wish, join in the entertainment. Please contact Jemma Lawson 07786 190221 for more details, and help to support this group which has been going for at least 20 years.

OAKE TODDLER GROUP

This group meets in the hall on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 during term time and offers a welcome to all toddlers and their carers. A lovely selection of age related toys are now available thanks to the Sunshine Fund. More information is available on our Facebook page "Oake Toddler Group" in the future.

OAKE PLAY AREA

At last we have painted the goal post and replaced net for the keen footballers - and moved the posts to allow the worn grass to recover!

Recently we discovered a small area of rot in the decking adjacent to the bridge - this proved to be a much larger job than expected (nearly £1000) but our priority is to keep our users safe.

We hope to have resolution on the repairs to the large climbing frame shortly and once that is done, we will carry out the annual sand-dig and replenish the sand, when your help will be invaluable!

A group who raise a considerable amount for charity and use the hall several times a year have asked whether we could provide a **plate warmer** - they use the oven but would like to offer their meal on hot plates. Would you have such a piece of equipment looking for a new home?

100 CLUB DRAW

	September	October	November
£30	Neil Fillery	Barbara Senik	Cheryl Lowe
£10	David Mitchell	Cheryl Lowe	Val Fanning
£5	Tony Sturmeay	Kevin Cottrell	Phillipa Archer

Thanks for your support - additional numbers are always available, and profits from this help significantly towards hall maintenance - last month our faithful commercial dishwasher required repairs, and the oven needed a new seal. The gents' toilet wall tiles which were dangerously loose have now been reinstated - a very smart job too! Please contact Hilary Weller 01823 461331

OAKE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting which is open to the public will be on Thursday 11 January 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Pig 'n Whistle Lounge at the Village Hall. If anyone wishes to receive the Parish Council Agenda and draft minutes by email, please let the clerk know your email address. The Parish Clerk is Mr David Gliddon email oakepc@outlook.com or 07828 210076

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEWS

The volunteer group and Parish Council have been successful in gaining the National Lottery grant to pay for a neighbourhood survey to ask all in the community what they would like to see in terms of Social, Environmental and Economic development for the future and what you value and what you don't about the Parish. The outcomes of the survey would therefore point us towards what we can do to solve any issues arising by developing policies and a plan. Following this, we would like to gather specific views in a household survey to update the previous survey done by Taunton Deane and 1st Step Homes. We really need everyone to answer these surveys. We will be developing them in January with the help of the Somerset Community Council. For more information please see our web page: <http://oake.org.uk/parish-plan.php>

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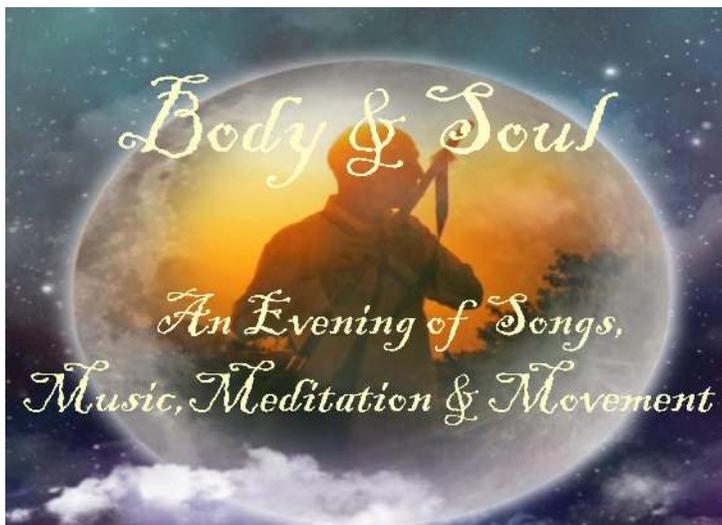
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OAKE AND DISTRICT W.I. PROGRAMME FOR 2018

Date	Speaker	Subject
25th January	Christine Skelmersdale, Broadleigh Gardens	Where Does Your Garden Grow? Around the world in 80 plants
22nd February	Sarah Webb	Willow weaving workshop (members only – limited numbers)
22nd March *	Adrian Webb	600 years of Somerset Maps
26th April	Clive Dunster	“Rough Justice” – Retired Police Dog Handler
24th May*	Brian Holmwood	(AGM & Resolutions) Ramblings of a Retired Ironmonger
28th June *	Frankie White	Visit to Blagroves Farm Robotic Dairy Unit
26th July	Pam Martin	Free Machine Embroidery Pictures
23rd August	Sarah Messenger	
27th Sept	Emma Jones	Somerset Wildlife Trust
25th October	Jan Waters	J W Blooms – Flower Nursery and Cutting Garden
22nd November		Christmas Meeting

* Open meetings (gentlemen may attend)

Members may bring visitors to any meeting (gentlemen only permitted to open meetings) at a fee of £4.



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and Michael McCarron - singer songwriter.

**Oake Village Hall, Saxon Close,
Oake, Taunton, TA4 1JA**

Free entry - No Booking Required - All Welcome



Contact:

Jackie on 01823 256205,

07949735139. bk.jackie@hotmail.co.uk

Ladies Badminton for Fun @ Oake Village Hall

Welcomes new members

Fridays : 5 to 6pm



**Please telephone
Phillipa 461609**

You would be most welcome to come and join a group of local ladies who meet to round off the week with a game of badminton. Our enthusiasm is matched by our laughter and chatter - an inexpensive activity in our lovely hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

11 PARISH COUNCIL (2nd Thursday in the month – check notice board)

17 WHIST

FEBRUARY

3 SCHOOL BEETLE DRIVE at OAKE VILLAGE HALL

21 WHIST

MARCH

2 SCHOOL SPRING BINGO at OAKE VILLAGE HALL

21 WHIST

SAVE THESE DATES in 2018

12 MAY ANNUAL PLANT SALE
19 MAY CELEBRATE THAT WEDDING
14 JULY OAKE VILLAGE FETE shared with OAKE SCHOOL
8 SEPTEMBER OAKE HALL IS 15 YEARS OLD!



Oake
Toddler Group



Let the children play while you have a cuppa in a friendly place. New families always welcome.

Every Tuesday during term time
9.15am to 11.00am
Oake Village Hall, TA4 1JA

£2.00 for first child, 50p for each extra child

Snacks and drinks provided

For more information contact our Facebook page 'Oake Toddler Group' or just pop in next Tuesday

OAKE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

A COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY

If you are a shareholder, you will have received a comprehensive report by email following the meeting held at the end of October. There is also a report within the Parish Council Meeting notes in the "News from the Villages" - December issue explaining the various issues which are now being addressed by the new management committee which assumed responsibilities from the beginning of December.

Are you aware that not only can you draw out cash at the post office, but you can pay in cheques to most of the main UK clearing banks, particularly useful with local branches closing and time saving when a trip into Taunton can take up valuable time.

We hope you have enjoyed Angie's Christmas Jumper Challenge and thank you for your very generous sponsorship - as we go to press, she has just one day to go - here's hoping she can make it!

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HALL FACTS



Oake & District Hall, Saxon Close, Oake, TA4 1JA
Website: www.oakehall.org

Charity no. 205829

Sharland Hall – 9 metres x 18 metres

Pig & Whistle Lounge – 7 metres x 4.2 metres

Permitted occupancy – 230 dancing or 104 seated at tables or
156 dancing and seated at tables.

Kitchen with all facilities – gas oven, microwave, fridge/freezer,
dishwasher.

Suitable for disabled visitors, ample parking.

**For bookings or more information contact Annie Barrett
on 01823 461144 or email: annieb4213@gmail.com**

Chairman: Hilary Weller
01823 461331

Secretary: Kirsten Horton
01823 400570

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