



# The Village Life

The Newsletter of Cookham Dean Village Club

## A little bit about the Village Club.....

**Cookham Dean Village Club** maintains our Village Hall, providing a venue for a wide variety of community activities, as well as for Noah's Ark Pre-school. We also run a number of social events through the year: themed parties, quizzes, Fireworks night, the Christmas Party and Panto, and whatever else inspired members may come up with! As a club member you are entitled to priority booking and reduced ticket prices for events, as well as having the opportunity to get involved, have fun, and enlarge your circle of friends! Find out more, keep in touch with future events, or join the Club if you haven't already, at our new website at:



[www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](http://www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com)



## Chairman's letter...



Hopefully many of you will have noticed the work done on the exterior of the village hall over the last few months; the painting and facade repairs were well overdue and we are now working on improving the internal facilities as well. Also, a special thank you to the volunteers from the Horticultural Society for their work in planting, feeding and watering the flowers, tubs and hanging baskets outside the hall.

We also ran a successful Murder Mystery night in April. (Well I think it was successful, although I am still not sure who did it). It was good to see lots of new faces, albeit mostly in disguise.

Behind the scenes, we have been getting our membership system in shape. By the end of the month we will have moved onto a computerised system that allows us to manage hall booking and events, membership fees, and the new website. As part of this we will be contacting all members by mail and email with details of how they can manage their own membership, and also reminding them that the Family Membership will be £20 per year from this October. If you think you are member and don't receive any communication by the end of August please get in touch via our website.

Peter Austen and Claire Thorpe have also agreed to help out on the committee, much to the relief of the current members. If you feel that it is time to put something back into the village please do not hesitate to get in contact, again via the website.

Sadly we are going to lose the services of our Village Life and Website Editor, Pauline Clark, after this edition. I would like to thank Pauline for her work in reviving the paper version of Village Life over the last three years and hopefully we can keep it going in the future, so if anyone would like to help with this please get in touch.

There is a busy set of activities planned between now and the end of the year, and we are also hoping to try a couple of new events next year, subject to getting some more volunteers! So watch out for details, or look on the website, for a different type of quiz, some Village Green fun and maybe a Spring Time dance!

Lastly, the Summer Fete is just around the corner; do stop by the village hall "desk", to say hello and ask any questions!

**Finbar Murphy, Chairman**



## Cookham Dean Village Club Annual General Meeting...

**8th November, 2017. 8.30 pm at Cookham Dean Village Hall**

Please come and join us at the AGM, and find out more about the Village Club and what we do. If you would like to get involved, and have fun at the same time, we would love to see you at the meeting!

Autumn/  
Winter  
2017

Charity no: 284178

**DON'T FORGET!**

Cookham  
Dean  
Village Fete

-  
16th Sept  
1 - 5 pm

Bonfire and  
Fireworks

-  
4th Nov  
5 pm onwards

Cookham  
Dean Village  
Club AGM

-  
8th Nov  
8.30 pm

Christmas  
Tree  
Lighting

-  
3rd Dec  
5 pm

Christmas  
Party and  
Panto

-  
9th Dec





**Committee Officials:**

**Chairman**

Finbar Murphy

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**Treasurer**

Tania Lawley

**Secretary**

Peter Austin

**Committee**

Sabine Bolier

Andrew Hall

Maurice Hancock

Roland McGill

Maggie Robinson

Sue Teasdale

Claire Thorpe

**Hall Bookings**

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**Cookham Dean Village Fete...**

**Saturday 16th September, 2017 1.00 pm till 5.00 pm**

**The Village Fete is almost here!**

There will be entertainment for the whole family, including:



- The ever popular Dog Show
- The Small Pet Show
- Barbecue
- Beer and Pimms tent
- Tea and cakes
- Ice creams and candy floss
- The Craft Tent
- Art and Photography Exhibition
- The Flower and Produce Show
- Music to suit a variety of tastes - and loads more.....!



So come along and join us for an afternoon of fun and frivolity. There is no entrance fee but we ask for a family donation of a pound to help with our expenses. The proceeds from the fete go to support local charities, and we are hugely grateful for the sponsorship and help we receive from local business and from our volunteers. Please come along and have a wonderful afternoon - we look forward to seeing you there!

Pam Forrester, Fete Coordinator



**Cookham Dean Village Club Bonfire and Fireworks...**

**Saturday 4th November, 2017**

5.00 pm – 9.00 pm. Lantern Ceremony at 6.00 pm  
The Old Cricket Common, Cookham Dean.



Don't miss this year's spectacular bonfire and firework display organised by Cookham Dean Village Club. The fun starts at 6 pm with a lantern ceremony and the lighting of the bonfire, followed by a firework display. There will be food available, and a bar.

Contribution on the night of £20 per family.



**Christmas Party and Pantomime...**

**Saturday 9th December, 2017 7.30 pm onwards**

Last year it was Aladdin - and his friend, the standard lamp! This year, who knows? The plot is under wraps but promises to continue the tradition of bizarre and entertaining nonsense which is unique to the stage of Cookham Dean Village Hall.

If you've been before you know what's in store - good food and drink, convivial company, party games, Christmas songs, Santa's visit and lots of fun! If you haven't been before - please come along and join us.






If you'd like to get involved in the panto, either onstage or off, please email Pam Forrester at [pamelaforrester@aol.com](mailto:pamelaforrester@aol.com).

Tickets will be on sale to Club members from **4th November** on our website at [www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com](http://www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com).

**Christmas Party  
and**





SEPT 2	Cookham Regatta. Marsh Meadow, Cookham. Riverside fun, with children's rides, bouncy castle, stalls, lots to eat and drink, and a great day out for all. Organised by Cookham Bridge and Marlow Rotary.	www.cookhamregatta.org.uk
SEPT 10	<i>The Gravity Grand Prix</i> . Church Road and Hills Lane, Cookham Dean. Organised by the Kaffirs of Cookham Dean. First race starts at 1.30 pm.	peter_bartlett@btinternet.com or 01628 485224
SEPT 15	Social Dance Club, and Latin and Ballroom Class at Pinder Hall. Class 7-8 pm, Social Dance 8-9.30 pm. Couples and singles welcome. £7.50 pp. Regular lessons and social dance sessions start 29th Sept.	Penny Bysshe <a href="mailto:pcbysshe@gmail.com">pcbysshe@gmail.com</a>
SEPT 16 	<b>COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE FETE</b> 1 pm until 5pm. The Old Cricket Common, Cookham Dean.	
SEPT 30	St John the Baptist Harvest Supper with entertainment. 7 for 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £10 from Barbara Dent or Marion Elly.	01628 476512 or 01628 482637
OCT 1	London Welsh Male Voice Choir at Taplow Court, organised by Cookham Bridge Rotary in aid of Elizabeth House. Doors open 4pm. Performance 5 - 6pm. Tickets £20 from Stationery Depot.	Jon Graystone 01753 868 449
OCT 21-24	<i>Cookham Twinning</i> . Annual visit to St Benoit, near Poitiers. For further information about Cookham Twinning, contact Keith Le Page.	Keith_le_page@hotmail.com
NOV 4 	<b>COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS.</b> 5pm - 9pm on the Old Cricket Common. Lantern ceremony at 6pm. £20 contribution per family.	www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com
NOV 8 	<b>COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB - AGM</b> Cookham Dean Village Hall at 8.30 pm. Join us to have your say, or to find out more about your local Village Club and Hall.	www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com
NOV 18	St John the Baptist Church Autumn Fayre. 10 am - 1 pm. Cookham Dean Village Hall. All proceeds to charity.	
DEC 3 	<b>COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING.</b> Cookham Dean Village Hall. 5pm. Come early to enjoy carols and mulled wine!	www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com
DEC 8	<i>Gala Christmas Entertainment at The Hocket. Geneviève Usher and Friends.</i> 8 pm. A celebration of music, singing and readings in aid of Thames Hospice. Tickets £20 to include canapés during the interval.	Ros Hazeldine 01628 792933
DEC 9 	<b>COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PANTOMIME.</b> Tickets available from our website from 4th Nov.	www.cookhamdeanvillagehall.com
DEC 10	Cookham's Annual Christmas Street Fair. Cookham High Street. 12 pm - 4 pm. Festive fun, Santa, Christmas Stalls and mulled wine.	
DEC 26	<i>The Kaffirs of Cookham Dean - Boxing Day Games.</i> 10 am - 12 pm on the Old Cricket Common, Cookham Dean. Entry fee of £25 per team of 8. Enter on the day. Spectators welcome.	Enquiries 01628 482201
MAR 18 2018	10k Cross Country Run through beautiful local countryside with kind support from the Copas family. Organised by Cookham Dean Primary School PTA. Starts and ends at the school, plus lots of family activities!	lucykennedy@mac.com or sarah@ucanrun.co.uk

Dates may be subject to change, so please contact the organiser to confirm.