



**Garvestone Village Hall (New Build) Ltd
Garvestone and Thuxton Village Hall,
Dereham Road, Garvestone,
Norwich NR9 4AD**

Company Secretary & Treasurer: Andrew Blake

Bookings Sec. Ruth Gooch 07788 534 870

E-Mail: garvestonevillagehall@gmail.com

Company No. 6847924 Registered Charity No. 1148395

<http://www.garvestone-thuxton-vhall.co.uk>

BOOKINGS REPORT for A.G.M on MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023

It has been a year of ups and downs with the bookings since the last A.G.M.

Yoga with Sarah which had been a long-standing regular booking, finished last October when Sarah moved away.

In January, the Garrod family held a very well attended Quiz Night to raise funds for the hall, and sincere thanks go to all of them.

Yoga with Luna began on Monday evenings in January, along with Pilates with Luna on a Tuesday morning. Sadly, these were very poorly attended and finished at the end of April.

Also in January, the bowls club began running a Monday afternoon Short Mat Bowls session which ran until the end of March, as the outdoor bowls season began again in April. I am delighted to report that this has recently resumed, now that outdoor bowls has finished for the year.

We began our regular Quiz Nights in February – held on the 2nd Saturday in the month, to raise much needed funds for the hall. Our quizmaster is Pete Cook, who is ably assisted by his wife Jackie, they put on brilliant quizzes that are much enjoyed by those who attend. *However, we need more teams taking part please!*

Film Nights, on the 4th Saturdays in the month, continue to be very popular, especially those that include a delicious supper. Grateful thanks go to all those involved in making these evenings such a success.

In February the hall was used for a wedding reception which was very worthwhile for us financially. *We could do with more!*

In May, the hall put on a Coronation Tea Party for the school children which was enjoyed immensely, and the children were all given a souvenir Coronation mug, kindly provided by another village charity.

The Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May was very well attended and much enjoyed by villagers.

Sincere thanks go to Margaret Jennings for organising both the Tea Party and Big Lunch.

The Meeting Room has been well used this year, bringing in additional funds – the Parish Council now uses it and there were several craft classes held earlier in the year. And very good news, Jonathan Dance restarted his massage therapy sessions in June in the meeting room.

In August, a Coffee Café was held in the foyer on Friday mornings, but sadly these were not very well attended, and it finished after only a few weeks.

Also in August, at the instigation of our Chairman Stephen Smith, and Michael Garrod, we now once again, have a pub in the village. Between them, they open 'Fridays Pub' on the 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month to raise money for the hall, and I am delighted to report that these have proven to be very popular and well attended. *More 'member' volunteers to help run these would be greatly appreciated.*

Unfortunately, Taekwondo, that had been a regular weekly booking for the hall suddenly finished at the end of August.

On the plus side, Watton Table Tennis Club who have a long-standing booking on Wednesday evenings for matches, has now taken the slot vacated by Taekwondo as a Practice Night which is open to anyone interested from 19.00 – 22.00 at £4.00 per player.

Another long-standing booking of Powerhoop and Zumba which used to meet on a Monday morning has, since September, reduced to Zumba only which has moved to a Friday morning.

Also in September, Beth Skitmore began running her excellent yoga classes on a Thursday morning which have proved to be very popular, so we hope that this will continue long into the future.

On Saturday 30th September we held a 'Working Party' to tidy up the outside of the hall and around the car park, to make it more appealing to our hirers – fourteen villagers turned out to help which was brilliant – and grateful thanks go to them all.

To finish on a high note – we have a dance in the hall on Saturday 4th November, again to raise funds for the hall, and we are extremely grateful to local band 'Midnight Sun' who have very kindly offered to play for free.

We have a few tickets left – £10.00 each to include a light ploughman's supper - bookable with Kerry on 07981 527 999 – come and dance, or just sit and listen!

Further details of everything going on in the hall, can be found on our website – address at the top of this report.

Ruth Gooch, Booking Secretary.