



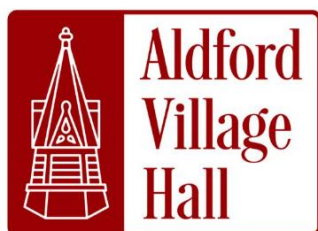
Welcome to the Aldford Village Hall newsletter, we hope to produce this half yearly to keep Aldford residents and businesses up to date about activities and events within the Hall and community facilities. In order to be inclusive we have decided to issue the newsletter in printed form, acknowledging that not all residents have digital access.

Aldford Village Hall is part of Grosvenor's Eaton Estate and is under a nominal rent lease to the Aldford Village Hall Trustees and Management Committee (AVHMC). It is a registered charity and AVHMC has a duty to manage the Village Hall, recreation grounds and ancillary property for the inhabitants of the Parish of Aldford ***"including for the use of meetings, lectures, classes, recreation and leisure, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Parish"***.

It currently costs around £15k per year to run the Hall - which is why we have an ongoing programme of fundraising events. Not all events are fundraisers though, as we feel that it is important to have activities and clubs that maintain and enhance the sense of community; we hope that you will continue to support these – please let us know if you have ideas for other events or activities that you would like to see happen at the Hall.

2025 AT THE HALL

See page 3 for an update on recent events arranged in Aldford Village Hall and page 4 for a schedule of events planned for 2025 in the Hall and wider village.



REGULAR CLUBS & HALL ACTIVITIES

See page 5 for details of regular clubs and activities that are held in Aldford Village Hall.

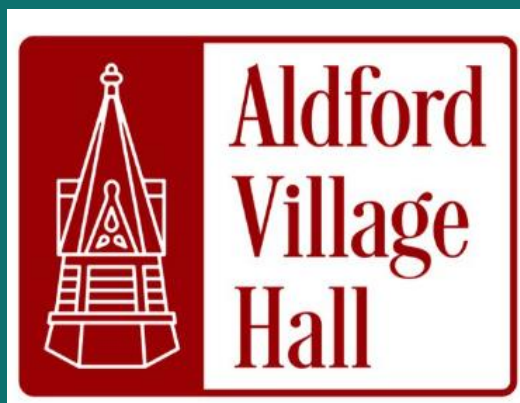
The Hall is also used as a community facility, such as for Parish Council meetings and as a Polling Station.

HIRING THE HALL

- Band rehearsals
- Business meetings
- Clubs
- Fund raising events
- Private parties
- Sports & wellbeing
- Training off-sites
- Wakes
- Workshops

Please contact Cath Travers for more information, terms and conditions:

cathtravers@btinternet.com



The AVHMC is made up of representatives from a number of the different user groups as well as individuals from the village who are willing to get involved with the maintenance and running of the Hall, the delivery of events and the all important fundraising.

The committee aim to manage the Hall so that it is financially sustaining and continues to provide a warm welcoming space for the local community.

ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (AVHMC)

Representative Members:	
Aldford Silver & Gold Club	Janet Edge
Aldford Parochial Church Council	Gabby Ibarra and James Crane
Aldford Snooker Club	Derek Weaver
Aldford Whist Club	Derek and Jean Weaver
Aldford Bowls Club	Jean Weaver
Aldford Badminton Club	Helen Gornall
Aldford Rosebud & Stooges	Brenda Chadwick
Nominated Member for Grosvenor Estate	Annabel Farbon
Elected Committee Members:	
	Cath Travers
	David Craven
	Neil Farbon
	Liz Humphries (Aldford Fete rep)
Co-opted Members:	
	Cat Lawton
Office holders:	
Chairman	Helen Gornall
Vice Chairman	Dave Craven
Treasurer and Hall Bookings	Cath Travers
Secretary	Neil Farbon

If you or your Aldford based business would like to get involved please contact Neil Farbon (neil.farbon@btinternet.com).

The AVHMC are responsible for the running of the Hall, including paying utility costs, managing internal repairs and decoration, arranging the insurances, ensuring the Hall has appropriate health & safety policies in place and that the facilities are compliant and presented in good order - as well as arranging interesting and fun events that bring our lovely community together.

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024 EVENTS REPORT

Race Night (25 October 2024)

With thanks to Emma and Lily Nicholas another Race Night was held at the Hall with an excellent turn out and much fun had by all. Around £500 was raised for the Hall.

Hot Pot Supper and Antiques Evening (8 November 2024)

Early November saw a great turnout for a homemade hot pot supper and TV antiques celebrity Adam Partridge entertaining the audience of 60 people with his tales from his time in front of the camera and then turning to valuing some of the antiques brought along. Over £800 was raised by the AVHMC which will help with the running costs of the Hall.

Advent Fair (24 November 2024)

The Hall was filled with 14 stalls selling fudge, homemade crafts and gifts (including from a number of very talented Aldford residents), with mulled wine and mince pies helping get people into the festive mood. Around £600 was raised to go towards paying the Hall's winter heating bill!

Christmas Quiz (13 December 2024)

The Hall was at capacity with 80 people in attendance in 13 teams for the 2nd Annual Aldford Christmas Quiz, this time with Quiz Masters Karl & Kathy who kept all present entertained with a festive quiz and an excellent raffle. *If there are any volunteers to set the Summer 2025 and Christmas 2025 quizzes please contact Neil Farbon neil.farbon@btinternet.com*

Rosebuds & Stooges (14 December)

An Aldford social group that has been running for over 80 years, Rosebuds & Stooges has been running a variety of events throughout the year, culminating in a traditional afternoon of Christmas fun and festivities, which this year included the Rosebud & Stooges presentation of *Willy Wonka does Twelve Days of Christmas*, carol singing and a flying visit from Father Christmas.

Cinema Nights

As part of the Arts Alive/Flicks in the Sticks initiative a variety of films have been shown in the Hall, including Home Alone 2, One Life and Wicked Little Letters. The next film, *The Duke* (with Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren) will be shown Friday 28th February, doors open 7pm, entry £5, refreshments available.

Website

We are delighted to announce the upcoming launch of the new Aldford Village Hall website www.aldfordvillagehall.co.uk. Scheduled to go live in February the website is designed to provide the community with easy access to information about events, bookings and facilities at the heart of our village. The modern, user-friendly platform will make it simpler than ever to stay connected and make the most of what Aldford Village Hall has to offer. Stay tuned for more updates and keep an eye out for the launch.

2025 EVENTS in Aldford Village Hall

Cinema Nights - 28th February & 28th March

19:00 for 19:30 start

Come along to Flicks in the Sticks in Aldford Village Hall, doors open 7pm, screening starts at 7:30pm. £5 entry, the Aldford Village Hall bar will be open for refreshments (cash or card). The February film will be The Duke with Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

Aldford History Exhibition - 1st March

12:00 - 14:30

The Hall will be open between 12noon and 2:30pm on Saturday 1st March with a display of a wide variety of village history information, hosted by long-time Aldford residents John and Ruth Clark and with material from the Eaton Estate Archive. Homemade soup and a roll and teas and coffees will be available. Come along and see if you can find out more about your house, street and the village in general and the people who have previously lived here.

Race Night - 4th April

19:00 for 19:30 start

Join us for another fun-filled Race Night at the Village Hall, free entry - first race 7:30pm. Sponsor a horse or jockey for £5, cash only bets at the Aldford Tote (over 18s only for betting). Bring your own snacks and drinks. More details will follow on an event flier.

Aldford Summer Quiz - Friday 6th June

SAVE THE DATE

More details to follow nearer the time.

Aldford Fete - 21st June

13:00 - 16:00

Come along to Aldford's traditional English summer fete, supporting local community groups and fun events for all ages - there will be a variety of stalls, games, a dog show, children's activities, music, food vendors, an ice cream van and a Grand Prize Draw. The Grosvenor Arms Beer Festival also runs 20th-22nd June.

Three Villages Charity Garden Open Day - 13th July

10:00 - 17:00

Grosvenor's Eaton Estate charity garden open days help to raise much needed funds for local charities by welcoming visitors to enjoy the gardens of Eaton Hall, home to the Duke and Duchess of Westminster. The Three Villages (Aldford, Eccleston and Saughton) are hosting the event on 13th July. The event includes charity fundraising stalls in the Courtyard, a band playing in the garden and a children's entertainer. Tickets are pre-book only (through Eventbrite), gates open for parking from 10am and the event runs from 10.15am until 5pm. Last entry is 4pm. The Gardens and Courtyard will be open - Eaton Hall is a private home and not open to the public. Children must be supervised at all times, dogs are welcome on a short lead and under close control. Light refreshments are available at the Courtyard and at various points from mobile vendors around the gardens and you are welcome to bring your own picnic.

ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL REGULAR USER GROUPS

Group	Usual Day/time	Cost	Contact
Badminton 1 st Sept - 31 st March	Thursdays 8pm	Annual membership	Helen Gornall gornall.helen@hotmail.co.uk
Bingo	Mondays 7:30-9:30pm 17 th Feb, 17 th March, 14 th Apr, 12 th May, 9 th June, 7 th July, 4 th Aug, 1 st Sept, 29 th Sept, 27 th Oct, 24 th Nov	Raising funds for a variety of village charities and groups all are welcome, pay on the door (£5 per book of games), raffle held during refreshment interval.	Derek Weaver derekweaver286@btopeninternet.com
Bowls (Indoor) 1 st Oct - 31 st March	Every Tuesday at 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Annual membership	Julie Binnersley
Bowls (Outdoor) 1 st April - 30 th Sept	Saturday am Tuesday pm	Annual membership	julieandregbinnersley@gmail.com
Silver & Gold	First Friday of each month 2:00 - 4:00pm 7 th Feb, 7 th March, 4 th April, 2 nd May, 6 th June, 4 th July, 1 st Aug, 5 th Sept, 3 rd Oct, 7 th Nov, 5 th Dec	Originally a social group for the over 60s offering days out, visiting speakers, or just a chance for a social afternoon in Aldford, all ages now welcome. £3 joining fee then £2 per event	Janet Edge 01244 620283
Snooker	Tuesdays and Fridays 09:30-12:00 (or by arrangement)	Annual membership	Derek Weaver derekweaver286@btopeninternet.com
Table Tennis	Wednesday evenings	07742 285940	Brian Davies
Whist	Saturdays 7-9pm 1 st Feb, 15 th Feb, 1 st Mar, 15 th Mar, 12 th Apr, 26 th Apr, 10 th May, 24 th May, 7 th Jun, 21 st Jun.	£3.50	Derek Weaver derekweaver286@btopeninternet.com
Yoga	Monday 7-8pm	£12 per session Pre-booking required	kgburczyk@hotmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

- In addition to the Hall and the Bowling Green, AVHMC are responsible for the car park, Aldford Playing Field and Cruck Barn, supported by Eaton Estate who carry out the mowing and vegetation management on the field and playground and external maintenance of the Hall
- Aldford Village Hall now has wifi - thanks to a grant from CWaC's Rural Connection Programme and installation by local firm, Kingsley Communication
- The Hall has an excellent catering kitchen
- The Hall has seating capacity for 100 people
- The Hall has table tennis tables and the floor is marked out for badminton - let us know if you are interested in setting up a family friendly table tennis or badminton group, especially during the weekend
- There is a community defibrillator (originally funded by the Parish Council) located in the Hall porch; in the unfortunate event that you need to use it the access code is shown on the cabinet door
- The defibrillator has been used twice in the last year to provide life-saving first aid
- Drop down screens and a sounds system are installed and available for use to hirers of the Hall - thanks to a grant from CWaC, installation and support by Grosvenor Communications and Richer Sounds

OUR THANKS GO TO:

- Luke at Lumisi (a brand and design agency) of Bank Farm, Aldford - for the design of the brilliant new AVH logo www.lumisi.com
- James Crane and Gabby Ibarra of Church Lane - for building our brilliant new website; their business is www.solidbusinesssoftware.com - specialising in tailored web and application software, empowering businesses to optimise operations and achieve lasting growth
- Eaton Estate - for their financial support in the replacement of the Hall's heating system
- Grosvenor Farms - for the supply of the beef for the hot pot supper
- Individuals and businesses who have provided financial support or raffle prizes for our events
- Councillor Adrian Waddelove for supporting the application for CWAC funding for the replacement defibrillator battery for the Hall device.
- Everyone who bought a copy of the Aldford 2025 calendar, which raised a fantastic £950 profit for the Hall. We apologise for the date error in February, March, June and November where the 6th of the month has been duplicated so the 7th is missing! This escaped the printers and committee proof readers - and won't happen again... We will be aiming at producing a 2026 calendar and encourage you to keep taking seasonal photos within the village of Aldford - these need to be landscape not portrait and ideally more photos showing the people of Aldford. Entry details will be provided in late summer 2025
- Committee members and other volunteers for their time and effort in maintaining the Hall, Playing Field, Playground and Bowling Green to provide excellent community facilities for us all to enjoy