

THE WHITEKIRK WELL

WHITEKIRK HALL PURCHASE

The Whitekirk Community Company are pleased to confirm that we have been awarded a £38,500 grant from The Scottish Land Fund towards the purchase of the village hall, as announced in November last year. This is a tremendous opportunity to secure the hall for the community in perpetuity. This funding, however, leaves us approximately £20,000 short of the asking price of £60,000. We will continue our discussions with the owners, the Church of Scotland, but as things stand at present, we must make up the shortfall. We did have plans for fundraising over the last months, but due to the current situation with Coronavirus we have been unable to carry out our normal fundraising activities.

We are still aiming to find the additional funds by December this year so that we can complete the purchase of the hall. We will shortly be writing to our current membership, as well

as our other contacts, to ask for support for this worthwhile cause. Please look out for the letter, which will be sent to your email address and will include details on how to donate; every little will help.

With your help and enthusiasm, we have a good chance of raising the money we need to secure the hall for the village and surrounding area. Please also let us know if you know of someone who may be interested in donating.

When things are back to normal, we will resume other fundraising, and look again at crowd funding.

If you are interested in helping, we would welcome any input from you, our membership. Please contact us on the email below if you would like more information or have any suggestions.

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EVENTS

Events are, as I am sure you will all understand, subject to Government guidelines, but we have listed below some proposed dates, subject to any restrictions still in place.

1. September BBQ
2. 3rd October Mini Beer Festival (See overleaf)
3. October Quiz Night
4. 19th December Children's Christmas Party

Whitekirk Activities

Home Brewing

In January of this year we started a Home Brewing group. With membership subscription and donation of some equipment, were able to get this off the ground and have successfully brewed several more than satisfactory beers. We intend to carry this on, and the aim is to brew beers not just from kits, but progress to making it all from scratch. We are also looking at the production of ginger beer, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

There are many home brewers in the area around Whitekirk, and the group intend having a Beer Festival for interested parties to taste each other's home brews. We have provisionally set a date of the 3rd October for this and intend having our pizza oven ready to sell traditional pizza. The event will be free to attend, although donations accepted.

Some members started the clearing of the external space at the rear of the hall with the intention of building a pizza oven, BBQ and seating area. That work will resume when the current situation allows. This will be great for meeting up with friends and family.

Pop-Up Café and Shop

The Pop-Up Shop in the telephone box has been one of our great successes over the last few years and the intention is to continue this, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates as to when we start it up again. The Pop-up Café is also still on the agenda, and as soon as conditions allow, we will post dates for this.

Book Group

The Book Group continues meeting, now via the wonders of Zoom, to discuss various books and catch up with all the local news.

Whitekirk Hall Renovations

We have made continuous improvements to the hall over the years and hope soon to carry on with this essential work to make our hall a great local asset.

We have completed work on the new disabled toilet, thanks to a grant from the North Berwick Area Partnership, and will be fitting it out with a disabled alarm and heater in the coming months.

The hall floor was last year given a major makeover and looks fantastic. The finish is an oil rather than varnish, so it is easy to maintain.

Future improvements will include renovation of the second cloakroom and toilet, upgrading of the entrance vestibule, installation of a fire alarm and further electrical works, and exterior painting at the front of the hall.

If you are interested in helping carry out some of these works, please contact us.

Hall Bookings

We will soon be able to take hall bookings for events, and information on this will be posted on our website. Visit us at www.whitekirkvillage.com.

Website & Facebook

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website as we intend to start posting again, so you can keep up with all that is going on in our village and surrounding parish.

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