

## 2017 VILLAGE HALL SURVEY RESULTS

280 households received survey forms in the August Isfield Newsletter and 55 Forms were returned (6 anonymous) i.e. a 20% return which is very high.

### 1. Do you think that Isfield needs its village hall?

**RESPONSE: YES 54, NO 1**

**Many views expressed appreciation of:**

- i) the village hall as a *separate* community asset
- ii) the architecture and setting of the building itself.

**Some of the many positive comments:**

- Lovely building and setting
- Essential community resource
- It is the hub of a lot of the activities that take place in the village
- It's a good venue for indoor events which makes it unique in Isfield & better than the cricket pavilion
- As a long 'ribbon' village I think it's good for the community to have an alternative focal point - other than the pub!
- Ideal venue for lots of activities including parties/functions. Needs to keep the outside 'playground' area to make the hall more saleable
- It should be the heart of the village and historically it's been here for years
- Isfield has a good community spirit and the village hall helps to maintain that
- A community space that is inside and not a sports facility.

### 2. Which of the following activities do you participate in at the village hall (or would participate in, if available):

Existing Regular Activities	# YES	Comments
Blackbird Arts workshops	6	I want to do more!
Brighton Boogie dance classes	5	
Crowborough Tai Chi	11	Too much daytime stuff (applied to this & the next two items - one of which is an evening activity)
Isfield Art Group	9	Very enjoyable & useful.
Isfield Dancing Club (adults)	2	
Isfield Wine Club	30	Thoroughly enjoy! Good fun & informative.
I.L.H.B.S. Quizzes	25	
Jane Will floral workshops	7	Excellent! Too expensive
Kathleen Cole Dance (children)	2	
The Wednesday Club	14	A good programme of speakers; a pleasant social session. Not old enough. Joining now retired Enjoyable, friendly, interesting talks.
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New/Potential Activities		
Adult Education classes	22	Depends on subjects Art appreciation. Languages.
Bridge club/classes	13	
Life drawing	12	Definitely!
Martial arts club/classes	4	My son (4) would LOVE that
Pilates	23	£10 is expensive.

Existing Regular Activities	# YES	Comments
		If evening but not Thursdays (applied to next 2 items - this person needs to understand that it's not in the remit of the VH to determine when events are run!)
Yoga	10	
Zumba	13	
Existing Village Hall Events		
Annual Open Day (March)	36	
Annual Frost Fair (November)	39	
Race nights	10	Great fun evenings
New/Potential Village Hall Events	# YES	Comments
Annual plant exchange (May)	30	Absolutely - I'm creating my own garden. Would love this.
Antique road shows	30	
Art Gallery	22	Taking art in Artwave is good as can charge each participant & take % of sales. Artwave venue not over Bank Holiday weekend would be good
Boot fairs (small)	26	Good idea. I think this would be well attended.
Coffee mornings (e.g. Mother & toddler)	5	For any community member. But not mother & toddler.
Scalextric evenings	6	
Tea dances (e.g. on Sundays)	4	More information required.
Themed dinner evenings (e.g. Murder mystery, different countries' cuisines)	24	

### 3. Do you have any other suggestions to improve the facilities and services of Isfield Village Hall?

Lots of ideas here, some tried before and given up as not supported, some difficult because of lack of room/facilities or not financially viable:

- A disco night
- Evening classes, Zumba/Pilates, Musical Events
- Wedding venue -big money earner
- Swing dance class, Salsa dance class, lectures on Art/Music, Movie night
- Film evenings on a week night, maybe films fairly recently on general release, day centre for elderly
- Cookery classes
- Gardening club
- Extend for some larger events e.g. a village marque on the green area
- Disabled toilet, licensed premises but not sure this is feasible, central collection point e.g. Amazon/Tesco deliveries, Post Office
- Dr Surgery, Pharmacy, Electric vehicle charging, solar panels on roof
- Tennis court
- Picnic tables for the outside area
- Monthly film night, soft play day, clothing exchange - maybe ladies wine & clothing swap evening, focus on winter events

4. Would you join 'The Friends of Isfield Village Hall'?

REPOSNE: YES 45, NO 5 (one anonymous and who has now joined the Friends)