

SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

Welcome all to the first edition of our Parish Social Newsletter!

We are always looking for more ways to build our community and are introducing this newsletter to let you know how you can get involved.

There are lots of ways everyone can take part in our events:

- Firstly, an event will only be successful if people come to them, so please do try to attend if you can!
- Could you be part of the team who organise and run the some of our social events?
- Donating what you can (food, drink, prizes for raffles etc)
- Or maybe you have some ideas for making the events a success?

The important thing is that each event is celebrating us as a parish, and we want everyone to be part of that. So have a look at the calendar for the year ahead and get those dates in your diary! We will aim to produce the Newsletter every quarter to remind about what is coming up in the subsequent 3 months.

Help needed

We are all very grateful to May Davey, Stuart Grant, Maureen Vernon and others for the wonderful work they have done over many years to ensure the success of many social events, However, it is unfair to expect any of them to continue with this and we are now looking for others to step in.

Our immediate need is for someone to lead on next month's pancake evening at St Cecilia's. This does not mean making all the pancakes! It is more about making sure that everything is in place for the evening – we can let you know what will be needed. Can you help please?

We are also looking for someone to lead on organising the Strawberry Tea in June, and the Harvest lunch in October.

Don't worry, we are not asking anyone to take any of these on for years and years (unless you want to!) – just this year for now. And we can let you know what to do.

If you would like to put yourself forward to lead on the events mentioned or want to volunteer to help in some other way with any of the events on the calendar, please complete the slip below.

Your views matter!

What do you think? - Do you have any other ideas about what else we could be doing to build our parish community? Let us know if you do.

Donating to Charity - Historically, any extra proceeds from social get togethers in the parish have been re-invested in the parish; but we are now thinking it would be good to donate to charity.

What do you think about this? If you think it is a good idea, is there a particular charity you would propose? If we get lots of suggestions, we will look at how we can fairly select some for this year.

Your Newsletter - What would you like to see in this Newsletter? We would be very happy to hear your ideas.

Upcoming Events

As we are now at the start of the year, you can see a calendar overleaf for what is currently being planned the whole of 2024.

You will see that we are planning for us to get together every other month – so currently 6 full parish social events.

The first of these is the Pancake evening to be held at St Cecilia's on 13 February. Starting at 6pm (**but see item about help needed!**)

Contact Us: If you have any thoughts, ideas, questions, please contact:

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Could you help by leading on an event at St Cecilia? Which one?-----

Do you think we should support charities? Which one (s) -----

Name:-----

How would you like to be contacted? -----

(Please complete and leave this slip in the church porch for collection by next Sunday)

Date and time for 2024	Event	Where	Lead Organiser
13-Feb (time TBA)	Pancake Evening	St Cecilia's	Volunteer needed
06-April (time TBA)	International lunch or evening	OLSE	Pat Fuchter
15-Jun (time TBA)	Strawberry Tea	St Cecilia's	Volunteer needed
17-Aug (time TBA)	BBQ	OLSE	Tom & Elizabeth Koning
3rd week October (time TBA)	Harvest Lunch	St Cecilia's	Volunteer needed
07-Dec (time TBA)	Christmas Fair	OLSE	Elizabeth Howe