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## News Update!

We are writing with the great news that the New Village Hall is very near to completion. We hope that the Hall will be handed over by our contractor Mark Connelly Building Contractors at the end of the third week of June.

In the meantime, the builders, together with a team from the Village Hall, are doing the finishing touches, dealing with any snagging issues, completing the landscaping and planting and purchasing final fixtures, fittings and equipment.

It seems appropriate at this juncture to thank those who brought the vision of a new Village Hall to fruition:

- Our excellent contractors and architect, Julian Raxter, who have done wonders to adapt to local constraints to get a beautiful building completed on time
- Our extensive Village Hall team which has worked so hard and brought a variety of skills, experience and talents to the project
- The funders who together donated around £600,000 to enable the Hall to be built
- The many villagers who patiently tolerated the disruption of the construction work

If you wish to see a video showing how the inside of the hall looked as at the 8 June, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/WVHJune8>

We are now able to announce firm plans for the opening events in the Hall:

### Wednesday 3 July - Opening Event for Wixford Residents

We want Wixford residents to be the first to see the hall and so we very much hope that as many of you as possible – from the young to the old – can come along to join this celebratory community event.

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| 6.30 p.m. onwards | Drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and Nibbles with an opportunity to look around the splendid new building   |
| 7.30 p.m.         | 'The Story of Wixford' – a 30-40 minute talk by historian Andrew Reekes which sets this community endeavour in 2000 years of continuous village history |

### Friday 12 July - Quiz Night with fish and chips (7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start)

The return of the popular Wixford Village Quiz. Bring your own liquid refreshments. Cost: £10 per head to include fish and chips which will be served at half time. Advance booking is essential, so book early to reserve your place by emailing [wixfordhall@gmail.com](mailto:wixfordhall@gmail.com)

## **Official Opening Ceremony & Unveiling of our Supporters Board – Saturday 31 August**

We are delighted that Magnus Birch Throckmorton, the current head of Coughton Court's Throckmorton family, has agreed to officially open our New Village Hall on Saturday, 31 August. We will update you when we have concluded arrangements.

Invitations will be sent out to all those - both individual and institutional - who by their generosity and their support have enabled this project to be realised.

A supporters' board – listing all those who have lent support - has been commissioned and will be unveiled during the afternoon.

### **Bookings and Events**

The Committee is actively reviewing an Events Programme for the hall including fortnightly coffee mornings commencing at 1100 hours on **Thursday 25 July** and a monthly book club commencing initially at 1900 hours on **Wednesday 7 August**. Please register your interest in joining the book club by emailing us at [wixfordhall@gmail.com](mailto:wixfordhall@gmail.com) in advance. We will keep you informed of all future events both on social media and on our noticeboard in due course.

Enquiries are invited for regular and one-off bookings for the hall, currently via [wixfordhall@gmail.com](mailto:wixfordhall@gmail.com)

Please note that our on-line booking system will be up and running via our website, <https://wixfordhall.org/booking/>, within the next few weeks.

### **Polling Station**

We were disappointed when Stratford District Council advised us that they had taken the decision to use the same polling stations for the General Election on 4 July as were used for the May elections. Wixford Village Hall will however be used as a Polling Station for all future elections.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Parish Council Meetings will be held in Wixford Village Hall bi-monthly with effect from Tuesday 9 July at 7.30 p.m.

### **Parking**

We now have a few parking spaces available at the front of the hall. You can also park on the Main Road providing you do not block any drives. Arrangements have been made for parking at The Fish and The Three Horseshoes, subject to availability. Please do not park on Church Fields drive.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our new Hall.

The Village Hall Committee