

Kemerton Life

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"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things"
Robert Breault

Welcome to the Kemerton Village Hall Committee **New** Newsletter.

We as a committee on our dog walks and general meanderings around the village are aware that we live in a fabulously friendly village and also that it good to communicate – so let us introduce you to the first issue of Kemerton's New Alternative to Hello Magazine. www.kemerton.org.uk

200 Club

The second draw for the 2016/17 period was held at The Crown on Tuesday 13th June. The winners were as follows:

1st prize - £176 – Mrs Kirsty Cartwright

2nd prize - £90 – Mrs Andrea Devine

3rd prize - £90 – Mr Eric Edwards

4th prize - £45 – Mrs Sally Barton

5th prize - £45 – Mrs Debbie Morris

Unfortunately, we did not make the full complement of 200 members for this period so the prizes have been adjusted pro-rata to the number of paid-up members. The 200 Club continues to be a valuable means of supplementing income to help us maintain facilities for your village hall. It's only £10 per annum to become a member and we will be contacting all residents soon asking for your continued support for the next period commencing September 2017.

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ADVERTISING HERE

We would welcome anyone wishing to support our newsletter and The Village Hall with a little advertising or announcementsno rate card established yet – early bird catches the worm etc – we are open to offers

Emma Bulley

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Kemerton Get Together

Kemerton Court Lawn has kindly been made available by the Darby family for a village get together on Sunday 3rd September - this is to take the form of a 'Garden Party' – there will be a glass of Prosecco (or Elderflower cordial) and various nibbles – it will be an early evening 5.30 to 7.30pm event so everyone can come – face painting for the littles to be kept busy, football/rounders in the distance for the more game and general chatting in the evening sun for everyone else (Indian Summer has been booked!). Fancy dress parade for the children if they fancy it and Mad Hatters (Best Hats) competition for the adults, rumours of a Ukele band and a raffle – or just a quiet meander around the very beautiful walled garden prosecco in hand. We thought it would be lovely to have a get together and a catch up.

Few more details to follow but tickets will be available for £4 (in advance) from the village shop or £5 on the day – all proceeds will go to the Village Hall once we have paid for the cheese and pineapple cubes and cocktail sticks! More Prosecco and Elderflower will be available to buy.

TICKETS – will be available from Kemerton Stores in August

Village Fete

Will be back next year

Village Hall - Plan for the future

The Village Hall committee has agreed to proceed with the refurbishment and development plan as outlined by the previous committee, incorporating some significant changes in response to the wishes of the village. We will now consult with the architect (who is very experienced in village hall development and grant applications) and produce a Business Plan which, when complete, will form part of our funding grant applications and will also be available for the community to look at. We will work hard to receive grants of up to 90% of the funding for this plan and we have been offered a very generous amount by the Pre-School. If all goes well with the funding the Village will probably need to raise around a small percentage of the total.

This agreed plan will give the Village access to the Hall at all times and will give the Hall much better kitchen, activity and toilet facilities as well as updating the electrical, heating and ventilation systems – making it cheaper to run and pleasant to use.

The committee considered alternative plans of finding a new site for a new hall, and of refurbishing the Hall as it currently is. Both were thoroughly discussed and in the end were deemed to be unworkable by a majority vote. The idea of a smaller extension was also ruled out as the difference in cost was negligible between the two sizes and the preschool, who are contributing a sizeable sum to the development and provide the major source of income, need the larger space to run independently. Long term the Hall and village would also benefit from having a self-contained second space, it was felt that given the major upheaval it was worth going for the slightly larger option

We hope that this decision will receive the blessing of the Village.

John Harvey (Chairman of The Victoria Hall Committee)

Whats on..

The Village Hall is currently used for amongst other things the WI, Gardening Club, and Kemerton Conservation meetings. Daily Pre-school and regular evening Kemerton Lectures, the changes we are making will open up opportunities for lots more and we would be interested to know what you would like to use your Village Hall for.

