

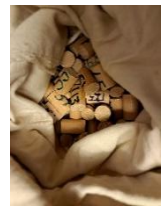


Widdington Village Hall was a hive of activity at this year's edition of the Christmas Fayre. We would like to thank all the busy bees who made this event so special : All the bakers, the sewers, the gluwine makers and sellers...In fact it would be much quicker to name the few who missed the event rather than the long list of helpers and spenders. Thank you all very much.



Widdington Christmas fayre enabled us to raise an amazing £2 129.15 .

The 200 club was also relaunched at the fayre. We reached a record 187 members which is a 50% increase on our last efforts. The winners will be drawn each month, with some extra Bonus prizes in December. Good luck to you all.



However your Village Hall committee team refused to rest on its laurels and as soon as the last mince pie was eaten we started planning our next fundraising event. We are very lucky to have co-opted Linda and Mike onto the committee. Linda is

a very accomplished cook and is happy to tackle cooking for 100 diners. Do join us for an Italian evening on the 9th of March. It will be another great opportunity for Widdington to get together and raise some funds. After a welcome glass of Prosecco offered by the parish council, there will be a 4 course meal including for starter an antipasti platter, mains of meat or vegetable cannelloni and a trio of Italian desserts most likely Panacotta, Tiramisu meringues and a chocolate torte. The dinner will end with some Italian cheese. We have kept the price reasonable at £35 per person which also includes the entertainment but not the wine. We have opted for several Italian wines and beers which will be on sale on the night . Hopefully guests will let us know of any dietary requirements, or seating requests which we will accommodate. Do get in touch if you would like a ticket.



On a more serious note, our energy bills are on the up and considering our last price increase dates back to April 2017, your village hall committee has agreed to increase the hiring hourly rate by 20% next April. We also need to update the old uplighters to LED ones. This was flagged up when we surveyed the building as part of a grant application we filled out in December. Hopefully we will hear from them soon. In the meantime, please be mindful when turning on the lights in the hall, do you really need all the lights on during the day?

Ariva derci!

Maggs Webb

