

## Anslow Village Hall

At a public meeting at the Mission Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1949, a proposal was made that a village hall be built at Anslow; a committee was formed and the work commenced.

Land donated (1444 yds<sup>2</sup>) from Walter Thompstone of Anslow Park Farm formed a Deed of Gift on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1950 to Arthur Leslie Smith of Jubilee Cottages and Harry Wood, garage proprietor.

Fund raising events and donations from hundreds of individuals helped secure finance for the hall as well as interest free loans, and in 1951 a grant of just under £1200 was provided by the Ministry of Education under the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937.

A whist drive was held to raise funds and when eventually built, the whist drive was the first weekly booking at the hall and continued until 2014, a few remaining players still meeting on a bank holiday Monday. This has now been taken over by a bridge club.

This Village Hall vision came to fruition on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1952 when Anslow Village Hall was officially opened. It is registered as a charity (number 522599), was reroofed in 1999, is fully double glazed and has cavity wall insulation.

The Village hall is managed and maintained by a voluntary committee of Anslow residents, known as Trustees, there being four named positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Booking Clerk.

Several organisations in Anslow are each entitled to appoint one member of the committee: the Anslow Parochial Church Council, the Anslow Womens Institute, the Gardening Club, the Parish Council, the School Managers. The Cricket club, the Royal British Legion and the WRVS are also entitled to appoint one member, although these organisations no longer exist in Anslow.

Anslow village hall is a gathering point for public meetings, the Parish Council, Holy Trinity Church fund raising events, childrens parties, wedding anniversaries, christenings and even some wedding receptions. It also serves as the local polling station and is designated an emergency shelter.

### Regular sessions held at the hall

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| Monday afternoon . . . .                 | Bridge club       | (David, 01283 564676)   |
| Monday evening . . . .                   | Tap dancing       | (Suzi, 07792 816384)    |
| Tuesday morning & evening . . . .        | Pilates & yoga    | (Doris, 07845 884742)   |
| Tuesday afternoon . . . .                | Art               | (Helen, 07791 228881)   |
| Tuesday evening (2nd in month) . . . .   | WI                | (Pauline, 01283 544318) |
| Wednesday evening (3rd in month) . . . . | Gardening society | (Ken, 01283 533461)     |
| Thursday evening . . . .                 | Flexercise        | (Nicole, 07800 830733)  |
| Friday morning . . . .                   | Yoga/pilates      | (Doris, 07845 884742)   |
| Friday afternoon . . . .                 | Puppy school      | (Emma, 07472 943456)    |
| Friday evening . . . .                   | Friday voices     | (Emma, 01283 810626)    |
| Saturday morning . . . .                 | Karate            | (James, 07855 632355)   |

Anyone interested in joining the above activities should contact the organiser.

To hire the hall please e-mail [anslowvh@gmail.com](mailto:anslowvh@gmail.com) or text 07943 274020.

Occasional bookings £10 /hour. New regular bookings - please enquire.

Weekend and bank holiday evenings £150; a security deposit of £200 will be required.

The management committee reserve the right to retain part or all of the deposit if the booking is found to be fraudulent.