

CALLOW END VILLAGE HALL

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest edition of the Callow End Village Hall newsletter. Christmas is nearly upon us. The village hall committee is preparing for our traditional Callow End Carols, which is a free event for villagers to come along with family and friends, enjoy some carol singing, and have a mince pie with a glass of mulled wine.

We are also about to embark on our centenary year. We would like to hold at least one event to celebrate this with the community. Please get in touch if you



have an idea that you think would be good for Callow End, or would like to be involved.

Our aim is to keep the community engaged and aware of the various opportunities available at the hall, ensuring everyone can participate and enjoy what's on offer. We appreciate the community's support and encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback helps us improve and tailor the newsletter to better serve the needs of Callow End residents.

Save the Date

- Saturday 6 December 2025 730PM** Rural Reels Film Show - The Critic
- Monday 22 December 2025** Callow End Carols
- Saturday 31 January 2026 7PM** Rural Reels Film Show - Les Misérables - 10th Anniversary
- Saturday 28 February 2026 730 PM** Rural Reels Film Show - The Courier
- Saturday 28 March 2026 730 PM** Rural Reels Film Show - Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale
- Saturday 25 April 2026 730 PM** Rural Reels Film Show - Save the Cinema

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Regular Activities

Weekly

Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Monday	09.15 - 10.15	Elaine's Pilates	Elaine 0796 481 5135
Monday	18.00 -19.00	Caroline's Pilates	Caroline 07872 440538
Monday	19:15 - 20:00	Caroline's Men's Pilates	Caroline 07872 440539
Tuesday	09.30-10.30	KickStart Footy	Danny dannyjacko31@yahoo.com or 07872 831443
Tuesday	18.30-19.30	Zumba	Denise 07976 229596 or sdwrafter@btinternet.com
Tuesday	20.00-21.00	Sabrina Voices Ladies Choir	Tom talwells@btinternet.com
Wednesday	10.00-11.00	Caroline's Pilates	Caroline 07872 440538
Wednesday	14:30-15.30	Move It or Lose It Exercise	Jane 07879671080 or jane.creese@moveitorloseit.co.uk
Wednesday	18.30-19.30	Freestyle Fitness Yoga	Denise 07976 229596 or sdwrafter@btinternet.com
Thursday	10:00 - 12:00	Callow End Art Group	Sylvia 01905 830523
Thursday	19:00-20:00	Couples Ballroom/Latin Dance Class	Deb dancewithdeb50@gmail.com 07760 763967
Friday	11.30-12.30	Dancefit	Beth 07506 686834
Friday	18.00-19.30	Yoga	Paul 07720 206677 or paul@paulkinsellaphotography.co.uk

Monthly

Day	Time	Contact
First Thursday of the Month during Winter	19:30 - 21:30	Callow End WI Mariea marieasalkeld@gmail.com
Usually 2nd Saturday in Month during Winter	14:00 - 16:00	South Worcs Archaeology Group Sue suepsouthwick@gmail.com

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Succession Planning

Our current chair, Sue Cassidy, would like to take a lower profile in looking after the hall. She has been Chair of the Committee for over twenty years and, whilst continuing her association with the hall, would like to share some of the responsibility. So, we are seeking a new Trustee who would act as Vice Chairman to learn the ropes and bring new energy and knowledge to the running of the village hall. If you think you can help us by volunteering just a few hours a month in support, we would love to hear from you. info@callowendvillagehall.co.uk in the first instance.



Spring Bulb Planting

This autumn we have been adding to the bulbs that we planted in the lawn at the front of the village hall last year. We hope to have a bigger display of flowers in the spring to brighten things up along the Upton Road.



Centenary Celebration

Next year marks the centenary of our Village Hall, and we're beginning to plan a year of celebrations to honour this wonderful milestone! We'd love to hear your ideas for events and activities that everyone in the village can enjoy. Some ideas already on the table include a **Garden Produce and Flower Show** in early autumn, an **Exhibition on the History of the Hall**, and a **Village Garden Party** to bring everyone together. Other suggestions include a **Centenary Ceilidh or Barn Dance**, a **Vintage Tea Afternoon** with home baking and music from the past century, and a **Community Time Capsule Project** to preserve memories for the next hundred years. We are looking for enthusiastic villagers to join in. Please share your thoughts—or volunteer to help—so we can make this a truly memorable year for our community!

Hall Cleaning

Our long term cleaner, Annette Andrews, assisted by her sister June, retired from looking after our hall in October. The Committee would like to thank Annette and June for all of their efforts keeping the hall spick and span over the many years that they cared for it. We wish them both better health and a long retirement.

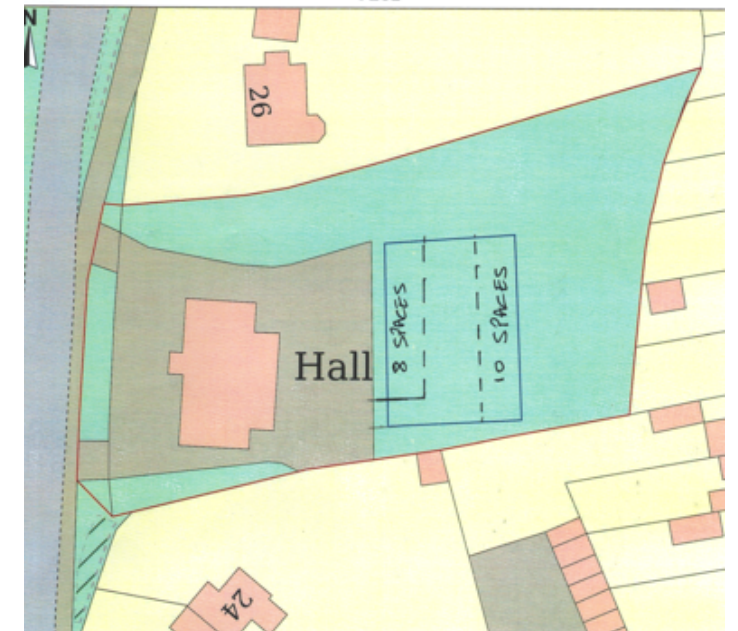
Our social media request for a replacement cleaner produced a big response and gave the committee a difficult choice. We would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest and who came for interview. We now have new cleaners, Darren and Karen Goldingay. A husband and wife team who have worked as cleaning professionals and are now looking for a slower pace of life. Our requirements fitted theirs perfectly and we look forward to a long association.

Village Hall Car Park Extension

We are very pleased to report that we received a conditional offer of a grant from Malvern Hills District Council Community Facility Legacy Grant Scheme. We are now working to satisfy the conditions. This involves gaining planning permission and obtaining the grants to make up the rest of the money needed for the project.

We would encourage you all to support the planning application during the consultation period by sending in your views to the planning department which will hopefully be soon.

Thank you for your continued support!



Hall Events

Callow End Carols will be held on **Monday 22 December** this year. We will have all the traditional performances, free mulled wine and hot mince pies.

We have a full programme of Rural Reels films this Autumn/Winter. January brings the ever popular **Les Misérables** to the hall. The rest of next season's programme is listed on the front page. Hopefully, there is something for everyone. Come along and enjoy a film and an ice cream! Free tea and coffee, or bring your own tippie. We'll even lend you a glass.

In November the village hall committee hosted a **Business Breakfast Networking Event**. All attending were treated to an interesting talk on the history of Madresfield Court, home of the late 7th Earl Beauchamp who was the hall benefactor that donated the land on which the hall is constructed. Fresh coffee and Colston's Danish Pastries were on offer for the early risers.



Seasons Greetings

The Village Hall Committee wishes all villagers a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thanks to all of our hirers and supporters in 2025. We look forward to seeing you all in the hall again in 2026. Christmas Lights will be switched on every evening from 30 November.



Hire the Hall

The hall is available for private bookings and public events. Check out availability at www.callowendvillagehall.co.uk/booking/

