

Abbots Morton Village Hall

Spring Newsletter

March 2025

By now, many of you will have heard of the tragic and unexpected passing of Colin Pemberton. He worked tirelessly for Abbots Morton, and always had the best interests of the village and the community at heart. His input and dedication will be sorely missed.

We shall be raising a glass to Colin at the upcoming Community Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 4th March – this was a monthly event that Colin believed in passionately – so please come along if you can.

Our love and thoughts go out to Lynne and their family.

This was Colin's last newsletter, all ready to go, and we honour his memory in sharing it with you

Exciting New Things at the Village Hall

ART CLASS

An art class will be starting next month in the Village Hall. It will be on Tuesdays in the early afternoon from 1pm to 3pm starting in April and into May.

The class will be run by Inkberrow artist, Charli Farquharson, who already runs a class in Stratford upon Avon.

She says: *"Join us for a relaxed and inspiring **6-week drawing class** in the beautiful setting of **Abbots Morton Village Hall**, with the opportunity to explore **plein air sketching** at the historic local St Peter's church."*

*Classes will be on April 1st, 8th, 29th and on May 6th, 13th and 20th
This is an ongoing class, with new 6-week blocks running throughout the year.*

ART CLASS AT
ABBOTS MORTON
VILLAGE HALL
With Charli Farquharson

For 6 weeks starting 1st April
1pm - 3pm
(non consecutive, please check website for more details)

A supportive and friendly
space to build confidence in
your drawing skills

Early bird price of
£15 available until
March 14th!
£150 thereafter

For more information and
booking details visit
www.artyfarky.com

The cost is £150 for a 6-week block . You can sign up by March 14th for the Early Bird price of £115! “.

Charli adds: “ Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, this class will help you develop confidence and technique in your drawing and art practice. So join us for a creative and inspiring journey.

- **A supportive and friendly space** to build confidence in your drawing skills
- **Guidance for all levels**, covering observation, line work, shading, and composition
- **Work with dry media**, with essential materials provided to get you started

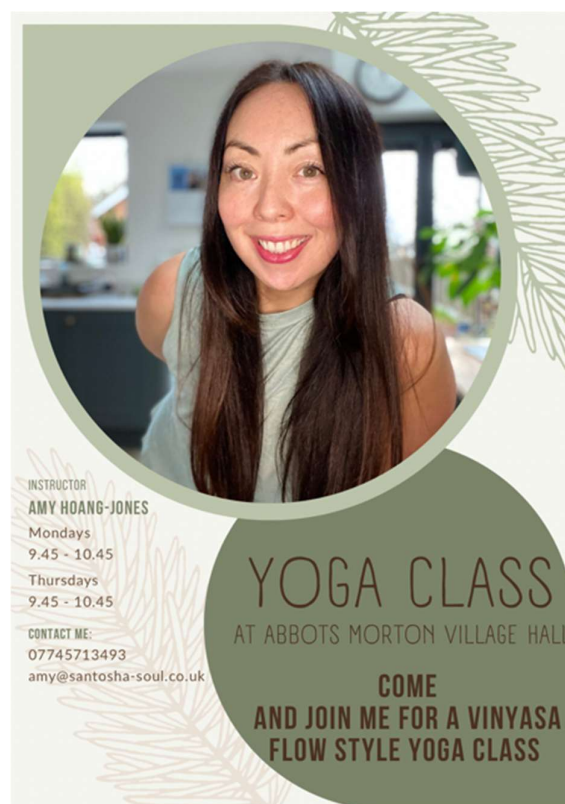
For more information or to book your place, visit charli@artyfarky.com or call Charli Farquharson on 07914 431382”

Second Yoga class

Amy Hoang-Jones started her Thursday morning yoga class in the village hall at the beginning of February and she’s continuing its trial run throughout March. If there are enough people taking part it could become permanent. The class is on a Thursday morning from 9.45am to 10.45am.

It’s in addition to Amy’s Monday morning class which she has been running since June 2024.

If you would like to take part in Vinyasa Flow Style yoga, contact Amy on 07745 713493 or email her on amy@santosh-soul.co.uk



Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes have now been happening for a full 12 months... they started in February 2024. The hour-long classes between 10 and 11am on Wednesday mornings are run by Andrew Lowe from Inkberrow. Around 8-10 people attend on a regular basis and Andrew says he can accommodate more if you wish to join in. Simply call or text him on 07495 206178. If you block book for six weeks, the cost is £10 a session or £11 a session if paid individually.

Community Coffee Morning

(Have a Cuppa with a Copper)

We've held two successful coffee mornings so far this year.

They're held on the First Tuesday of every month and the next will be on Tuesday 4th March, as usual from 10 am to 12 noon.

Occasionally our Neighbourhood Police Officer, PC Fabian Gayle, drops in. He's very happy for anyone to raise issues privately with him or have a general chat about anything that's on your mind. Yes, come and have a Cuppa With a Copper.

The Coffee morning is as popular as ever. It's a lovely and easy way to get out for a while and meet other people in a relaxed atmosphere and during the winter it's a welcoming warm space.

. Around 18 people from the village, the hamlets, the wider neighbourhood and even from around Church Lench meet together to enjoy a chat and a catch-up over a cup of coffee or tea, with biscuits and (*more often than not*) cake of some description. It's free. There is no charge for entry or for any of the beverages or confections, although many do choose to make a contribution towards the cost of electricity. If you haven't yet been, do come along. They start at 10am and run through to 12 noon and you can drop in and stay as long or as little as you wish. Look forward to seeing you on March 4th.

LOOKING BACK

Christmas Fayre

It seems a long while ago now but our first Christmas Fayre at the hall for five years took place on Saturday 30th November and raised almost £300 for village hall funds.

Our thanks to all the stallholders who came along and to everyone who came along to buy some lovely gifts. (below left) Sue and Antony Bunce ; (right) the Spencer family;



Better Luck Next Time

Unfortunately , we were unsuccessful in our bid for £5,000 from the National Grid Local Giving Fund which we'd hoped would enable us to update our wall heaters throughout the hall. It seems there was a very large number of applicants and only one in four managed to get an award. But it appears there will be another opportunity to bid later in the year!

EasyFundraising

A total of more than £1,380 has gone into the village hall accounts since we joined the EasyFundraising scheme in 2013. If you're not signed up yet, please join today and raise free donations every time you shop online. We'd love to recruit our 28th supporter. If you shop online and would like to help raise funds for the village hall, please sign up today... go to :

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall/?invite=1UE2GE%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt Please put Abbots Morton Village Hall as your Good Cause.

Colin's passing will leave an enormous hole in Village life. This won't sink in for some time. If you feel you can help the Village Hall Committee, or the PCC, we would love to hear from you.

As Colin always signed off his emails and texts – Cheers

Best wishes from the Village Hall Committee March 2025