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**News from Long Marton Village Institute**

 The programme that we propose for the year ahead is included here, as is a list of regular events and bookings that already take place.

**PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2024**

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| **Date**  | **Event** |
| April 19th Friday | Spring Pudding Night |
| June 23rd Sunday | Summer Afternoon Tea  |
| August 18th Sunday | Scarecrow competition Refreshments in LMVI |
| October 25th Friday | Spooktacular Halloween Food Event (with Quiz) |
| November 24th Sunday | Christmas Market |
| December 18/19 TBC | Christmas Cheer – Mulled wine and Christmas carols  |

More information will be available on our Facebook page, and on displayed posters.

**REGULAR EVENTS 2024**

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|  | Event  | Time | Frequency |
| Monday | Yoga | Evening | Weekly |
| Wednesday  | Local History Group | 7.30 – 9.30 | Every 3rd Wednesday of the month |
| Thursday | Crafting Group | 7.30 – 9.30 | Most weeks |
| Thursday | Eden Bells | Evening | Weekly |
| 2nd Saturday | Coffee Morning | 10.30 – 12.00  | Monthly  |
|  | Carpet Bowls |  | Twice monthly (tba) |

As you can see, this leaves scope for more groups to fit around these and we would love to hear from anyone interested. Our letting rates are very reasonable, and in the case of someone wanting to assess the level of interest, we could waive the booking fees for the first sessions to assist in trying out new ideas.

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|  | Per hour | Full day use\* per room includes use of kitchen/kitchenette |
| Community groups and private community events  | £6.00 | £30.00 |
| Commercial use | £12.00 | £60.00 |

\* Can be from midnight to midnight, or can be from noon to noon, (allowing for hirers clearing up the next day, following an evening event.) This rate covers all children’s birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, wakes, etc. Wedding parties may wish to block book 2 or 3 days to allow for plenty of time for setting up decorations etc. and their removal after the event.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?**

In these days of changing and challenging times it seems more important than ever to provide a welcoming and appealing village hall that encourages gatherings large or small, for one off events, family parties or regular groups. To continue to make this happen, we are an enthusiastic committee looking to attract volunteers to help with the general but light maintenance of the building. Perhaps someone with skills for small maintenance jobs/liaison with trades people etc. This could be as a member of the committee or not, as preferred, and if you feel you could offer this support or have a particular skill which you think would be of benefit to your hall then please contact the committee to find out more. Committee meetings are usually every 4-6 weeks, and volunteering for a specific role could be as much or as little time as suits you. (There are vacant positions on the committee for School and Parish councillors too.)

**How to contact us...**

You can use the Facebook link provided, or write a note to indicate your ideas for events, and deliver to Mike and Sarah Craig, April Lodge, Long Marton, CA16 6BN (tel 017683 62214) or you can email the treasurer for bookings on bookingslongmartonvi@gmail.com