

HALL FACTS

Oake & District Hall, Saxon Close, Oake, TA4 1JA

Web site: www.oakehall.org.uk

Charity no. 205829

Sharland Hall – 9 metres x 18 metres

Pig & Whistle Lounge – 7 metres x 4.2 metres

Permitted occupancy – 230 dancing or 104 seated at tables or
156 dancing and seated at tables.

Kitchen with all facilities – gas oven, microwave, fridge/freezer,
dishwasher.

Suitable for disabled visitors, ample parking.

For bookings or more information contact Annie Barrett
on 01823 461144 or email: annie@anniebarrett.wanadoo.co.uk

Chairman: Dave Sedgwick
01823 461681

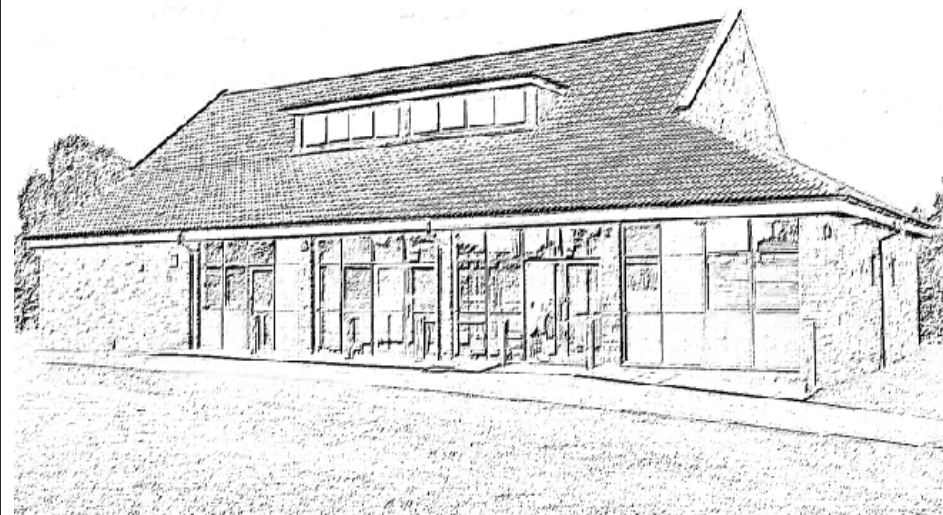
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Oake, Heathfield, Hillcommon and Hillfarrance

PLAY AREA DIG

It is coming up to the time of year when we need to dig over the sand area in the play area again. This disturbs any anaerobic bacteria which might be living down deep in the sand – exposure to the air kills these and ensures the sand is safe for use. Last year we had a fantastic turn out from a really good number of villagers and the job was done in just over the hour, after which we were able to enjoy hot drinks and refreshments.

Keep an eye out for posters advertising this, please do come along and if the digging is not for you, do you have a spade or rake we could borrow for the morning?

Brenda Snell (01823 461530)

100 CLUB NEWS

One of our recent winners was a brand new number that month! Would you consider taking out a new number and contribute towards the upkeep of our hall and recreation area? Please contact Kirsten Horton (01823 400570) for an application form.

100 CLUB DRAW

	September	October	November
£30.00	Jim Clapton	Marcia Maunder	Ian McMath
£10.00	Jennie Hamar	Doris Heywood	Penny Fillery
£5.00	June Northam	Andy Dunn	Gillian Roots

OAKE CAROL SINGING

**We shall be singing carols round the village on
Wednesday 21st December, meeting in Oake Close
(church end) at 6pm.**

We will be making our way round Oake Close, singing through the village and to the whist players in the village hall.

Please join us to sing and to collect donations for SURE which supports cancer treatment at Musgrove Park hospital.

All are welcome. Please bring a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.
Sue (401043) and Gill (461943)



Could you make use of some space in the Hall News to promote your local group or event?

The Hall News is delivered free of charge to all households in Heathfield, Hillcommon, Hillfarrance and Oake four times a year. The newsletter is produced in Spring (covering March to May), Summer (June to August), Autumn (September to November) and Winter (December to February). The newsletter is also available on the local community website (via the news page) at: www.oake.org.uk.

Articles and/or advertisements are most welcome. For further details please contact Penny Williams on 01823 462898 or by email at: williams@oakevillage.wanadoo.co.uk.



Sweet ReTreat
Beauty Therapy
Gift Vouchers Available

Christmas Check List
Turkey ordered ✓
Gifts packed ✓
Cards written and posted ✓
Manicure booked with Fern ✓

*Come and have a gel manicure that lasts TWO WEEKS! That will see you over Christmas and the New Year – for just £15
Or beat the pre-Christmas stress with a relaxing facial, also just £15*

Contact Fern on 01823 400423 for more information or for a full price list through your door.



Is there something you want everyone locally to know about?

Advertise in the Hall News!

Prices are £10, £20 and £30 (quarter page, half page and full page)

We also accept flyers (A5 size) for distribution with the newsletter - this costs £20

For details and Hall News publication dates contact Penny Williams on 01823 462898

williams@oakevillage.wanadoo.co.uk

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD



John Sharland, David Roots and Dave Sedgwick

Each year parish councils are approached to nominate members of the community who have made a significant contribution to their local area.

Oake Parish Council proposed Dave Sedgwick, current Chairman of Oake Village Hall Management committee, and John Sharland, a trustee of both the old and new hall for more than 40 years, for the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award 2011.

The official ceremony was held in October, when John was away on holiday so Parish Councillor, David Roots, presented John with his certificate, tie and medal at the Harvest Supper held recently in Oake Village Hall.

Congratulations to both John and Dave!

WHAT'S ON - SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2012 DIARY

January

Monday 9th - Cyber Café
Wednesday 15th - Whist Drive
Saturday 21st - Oake shop and post office public meeting
Monday 23rd - Cyber Café
Thursday 26th - WI

February

Monday 6th - Cyber Café
Wednesday 15th - Whist Drive
Monday 20th - Cyber Café
Thursday 23rd - WI

March

Monday 5th - Cyber Café
Wednesday 21st - Whist Drive
Monday 19th - Cyber Café
Thursday 22nd - WI

AND...

Friday 6th April - Easter Bingo
Saturday 12th May - Plant Sale
Tuesday 5th June - Diamond Jubilee Celebration (Bank Holiday)
Saturday 23rd June - Village Fête



Award winning Gymboree classes for 0-5's in Oake!

Come and join us with your little one on Monday mornings for some educational fun at Gymboree Play & Learn in the Oake Village Hall.

Play & Learn classes available for mobile babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers: play-based activities designed to stretch growing bodies and minds set in a hall filled with climbers, slides, tunnels, large inflatables and much more.

Teacher-led 45 minute classes featuring music and song, props, dance, physical challenges, parachute, puppet and bubbles - have fun and make new friends!

To book your free trial, please contact Claudia on 07540 970019 or email Claudia@gymboree-uk.com and visit www.gymboree-uk.com.

Save Oake Shop

You are cordially invited to a public meeting to be held on Saturday, January 21st at 10.00am in Oake Community Hall. During this meeting a Steering Group, formed at the request of the Parish Council, will explain what research and enquiries have been made so far into turning the Oake Shop and Post Office into a Community-run shop. Your help and input will be required in order to get the project moving further and if the community is not willing, or able, to support such a project, the shop will close for good. **This is not a threat, just a fact!**

Please do come along and have your say

Saturday, 21st January, at 10.00am

Oake Community Hall

Free tea/coffee and biscuits

The Project So Far...

- A steering group of 7 volunteers has been working since August on looking at alternatives to the current shop and post office as Ian and Heidi feel that the Oake shop and post office will not be viable as a private venture in the future.
- The Post Office wants to move into a new model relationship with postmasters.
- The steering group has explored a number of options around a community shop for which volunteers, charitable status and possible share ownership are emerging as favoured alternatives.
- We have developed a business and financial model for a community-run shop.
- We have made applications for lottery and other funding to support potential changes. The Post Office is also willing to consider some capital investment, subject to further negotiation.
- ***The key sticking point at this juncture is the need for more volunteers to come forward to staff the shop and potentially run the Post Office.***
- If successful, this is likely to be a two phase project with the initial work focused on the existing site and the second phase looking for a replacement location to enable the current bungalow to be returned to domestic use.

More details will be available at the public meeting.

Steve Williams, Chair of the Steering Group

Oake & District WI

Oake and District Women's Institute meet in the hall lounge at 7.30 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month.

In 2012 the speaker for our January 26th meeting is Dr Peter Beeden, a farmer from the Quantocks and Wales, with a talk entitled "Farming and Wildlife: changes past, present and future". On February 23rd a popular local speaker, Mr David Elkington, will be telling us about Romans in Somerset. This meeting is open to gentlemen so encourage your other half along.

On March 22nd Dr Francis Burroughes from Bristol Blue Glass will be speaking about "The Wonderful World of Glass". All meetings are open to female visitors at a cost of £3.50. Telephone the secretary, Fern Dunn, on 01823 400423 for more information.