

# The Slitting Mill Newsletter



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## SLITTING MILL VICTORY HALL

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of our newsletter which we hope provides updates on the Victory Hall and other information relevant to our village and community.

### Update on the Victory Hall

Our Repair & Renew project for the Victory Hall is well under way with our first big clean up on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May @ 10.00am**. Please come along and join us!

Work on the garden has now been completed including opening up the garden area, clearing overhanging branches, cleaning the patio, and tidying up the carpark.

We have received a donation of £400 from Rugeley Council – a big thank you!

Tesco Stronger Starts - please remember to vote for us in our local Tesco stores (Apr – Jun 25) where the successful projects are granted up to £1500. This would really help with some of the much-needed work at the hall. Voting with the blue coins is at either:

**4789 Etching Hill Express WS15 2NH or 6481 Rugeley Superstore WS15 2HS**

However, with estimated refurbishment costs of approximately £70,000, we still have a long way to go! Please check out our fund-raising pages enclosed for the launch of our sponsored memorial bricks and the vision we have for our Village Hall.

Please also support our forthcoming events as shown on Page 2 and we welcome any prizes for our Village Day Auction or raffle prizes and tombola prizes too. We are happy to collect by emailing us on the above address – *thank you!*

### Other news

**Website** - we are really excited to be launching a new website shortly which will include details about the hall and how to hire, current projects, upcoming events, newsletters, clubs running at the hall. Look out for more details in the next newsletter.

**Instagram** - please follow us on our new Instagram page: **slittingmillvictoryhall\_**

**Facebook** – a new Facebook page is coming soon!

## Recent Events:

### VE Day Celebration – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025



*Thank you for your support and lovely feedback: 'A fantastic afternoon' 'Lovely community get together to celebrate VE Day' 'A lovely atmosphere.'*

Special thanks to Rev'd Cath Leighton for a lovely service to commemorate VE Day and the opportunity for reflection, remembrance and to honour the sacrifices made by those who served in the conflict.

Thanks to the wonderful Becky Gee for leading us into a sing song of wartime classics.

Also, a big thank you to our Social committee and volunteers who did a fabulous job setting up the hall and helped tidy up afterwards!

*\*Photographs taken at events are likely to appear on our website or in our newsletter as stated on the signs in the hall. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please speak to our trustees or a committee member. Thank you.*



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2025

- 7th June – **Cheese & Wine evening** (presented by Majestic Wines)
- 20th July – **Village Day** (entertainment and stalls throughout the afternoon)
  - 15th November – **Comedy Night (Adults only)** TBC
  - 29th November – **Christmas Fayre**

To book your tickets and more information on any of the above events please contact:

07969 356576 or [socialcommitteesmvh@gmail.com](mailto:socialcommitteesmvh@gmail.com)



# Village Day at SMVH – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Stalls** – plants, cakes, jams, sweets, dog treats, handmade gifts, handmade cards, wooden gifts

**Tea room** – afternoon teas, strawberries & cream

**Games** – Jenga, ring toss, quoits, noughts and crosses

**Village activities** – Mini farm, Animal petting, Gardens

**Competitions** – Waggiest tail competition, Best photography, Weight of cake, Sweets in a jar and many more!

**Raffle – Auction – Tombola – Face painting**

**Rugeley Musical Theatre – UB40 Tribute**

**Ice cream – Burgers – Hot Dogs – Snacks – Candyfloss**

**Join us from 12.00 Noon  
at Slitting Mill Victory Hall**



## The Big Spring Clean at the hall!

**On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

**Please join us from 10.00am to help clean, clear out the clutter and spruce up our village hall! A great way to meet our Slitting Mill neighbours, committee members and to make a real difference to our community hall! Refreshments provided 😊**

**Or**

**Volunteers** - please join our social committee to help raise valuable funds for our village hall. This can involve sourcing auction/raffle prizes, advising on entertainment & themes, delivering newsletters, helping on stalls, helping to set up and clear up at events.

**If you are able to help in any way, please contact:**

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## Other Village News

**St. John's the Baptist Church** – a Thanksgiving Service for the Life and Ministry of St. John's the Baptist Church was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May which marked the last service at our local church. It was led by the Bishop of Wolverhampton, The Right Reverend Dr Timothy Wambunya and Reverend Cath Leighton. It was a lovely service where the congregation reminisced about their memories of the church and surrounding area and gave thanks to members of the congregation. This starts a new journey for our Worshipping Community, going beyond traditional services and engaging with the wider community. All welcome at SMVH on 24<sup>th</sup> August @3pm. More details to follow in the forthcoming weeks.

**County Councillor Mike Sutherland** – a big thank you to Mike for attending our meetings at the hall and for his help and support over the years. Mike will still continue with his district and parish roles. Jon Pendleton from Reform is now the new County Council representative for our area.

**Road Calming Measures on Slitting Mill Road** – 2 of our trustees have held meetings with a representative from the Forestry Commission and have held conversations with Rugeley Police and the Highways agency. Whilst the Forestry commission are sympathetic to the hazardous parking endured by our residents during their events, they have advised that 1.5 metres from the road are the highways responsibility and their hands are tied with regards to putting any measures in place to prevent parking all along Slitting Mill Road. As the area is also AONB, there are also many restrictions on signage too. They will promote the Cannock Chase Forest Annual Membership (£72.00) which includes free car parking for 1 year, a welcome pack, newsletters, and a chance to support the work of the Forestry commission.

Rugeley police were again sympathetic to our cause and said to contact them if there is anyone is parking illegally, and they will send an officer to check the area. The highways agency has said they do not have a history of complaints in regard to normal weekend parking only when events are on at this location. They said the majority of Cannock Chase is de-restricted 60mph with an advisory 40mph throughout and most people do drive with care whilst they appreciate that some do not. There are no current plans to change the speed limit across the chase at this time.

So, we will continue to fight the cause and please continue forwarding any information or photographs taken to support this campaign to [slittingmillvillage@gmail.com](mailto:slittingmillvillage@gmail.com)

## The Village Clubs

**Cannock Chase u3a** – we are a group of like-minded men and women, who meet up regularly to “Learn, Laugh and Live”. We hold Groups, Socials, Trips and Activities to help with physical and mental wellbeing and the making of new friends. See if there is something for you by looking at our Website, Facebook or email [cannockchaseu3a@gmail.com](mailto:cannockchaseu3a@gmail.com) for details.

**Trent Valley Photographic Society** is a well-established but small friendly camera club. We meet in the beautiful village of **Slitting Mill in the Victory Hall - Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.**

For more information, please contact **Christine Allen** on: 07742 492496 / [christine.allen210@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.allen210@btinternet.com)

**Rugeley Folk Dance** – discover the joy of traditional dance at Rugeley Folk Dance Club. Whether you are a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, our welcoming community invites you to experience lively folk tunes, vibrant steps and plenty of fun! No partner or experience needed so join us at **Slitting Mill in the Victory Hall – Wednesday evenings 8.00pm to 10.00pm.**

For more information, please contact **Carol Dawson**: 01889 585653 or Geoff Morgan: 01543 268268

### **Other Clubs:**

- Emma's Yoga & Mindfulness
- Rugeley Dog Training Club
- Lichfield Canine Society
- Shamanic Drumming

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We are excited to launch our major fundraising campaign to support the much-needed renovation of our Victory Hall.

We are reaching out to all our residents of Slitting Mill, the wider community and our supporters, whilst also applying for grants from both national and local organisations, who can help us bring our project to life.

Our 'Heritage Brick' Campaign is a way of supporting our hall but with a lasting legacy for you and your families. These bricks are limited in number and will be displayed on the outside frontage of the Hall.

To secure your Heritage Brick we ask that you complete an Expression of Interest form and email it back to us or deliver it to the Halls post box outside our gates.

We are grateful for any donations – no matter how big or small-, every penny helps towards our 'REPAIR and RENEW' project, and with your help, and the 'Heritage Bricks' campaign plus the continued effort in seeking Grants, we are hopeful that we can breathe new life into the Victory Hall and sustain it for many more years to come.

Our new Website is due to be launched by the end of May, where you will find images of the proposed renovations. You will also find a sign-up form where you can receive updates by email. This will allow us to keep you informed about the progress, upcoming events, hall bookings and much more.

Please sign up and stay connected with us.

[www.slittingmillvillage.co.uk](http://www.slittingmillvillage.co.uk)

Your support is very much needed and appreciated and together we CAN 'Repair and Renew' our Historic Victory Hall for future generations to come.

Thank you.



# ***I Would Like To Make A Donation To Help Slitting Mill Victory Hall***

1. Please fill in your name and address

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other (Please Specify)

First Name:

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Surname:

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Address:

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Postcode:

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Email:

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Telephone:

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2. I'd like to make a donation of:

☐ £10 ☐ £20 ☐ £50

or Other £

Please make your cheque payable to  
'Slitting Mill Village Hall Fund'

Or

Send Directly to:

Slitting Mill Village Hall Fund, Lloyds Bank

Acc #: 01349338 Sort Code: 309158

Please return this form to:

Post Box

Slitting Mill Village Hall

Slitting Mill

Staffordshire

WS15 ZUW

Or Email:

**[slittingmillsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:slittingmillsecretary@outlook.com)**

3. Make your gift go further with a Gift Aid Declaration

Please Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Please notify us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income.

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Tick to Apply

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Signature:

Date



## **Thank You!**



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## *SLITTING MILL VICTORY HALL HERITAGE BRICK PROJECT 2025*



Slitting Mill Victory Hall are excited to commence it's 'REPAIR & RENEW' project to breathe new life into our historic hall. We have a vision but need your help & support!

We are pleased to introduce our Heritage wall of sponsored bricks, where your sponsored brick can feature your name, family name, pet name or whatever you desire, which will be prominent on the outside of the hall as a lasting memory.

### Limited Edition Heritage Bricks

<u>BRONZE £100 each</u>	<u>SILVER £200 each</u>	<u>GOLD £500+ each</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to 50 names</li> <li>10-year name display</li> <li>Local Village Hall Charity</li> <li>Name display inside hall</li> <li>Red Brick – 2 Lines</li> <li>Left Hand wall Display</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to 32 names</li> <li>10-year name display</li> <li>Local Village Hall Charity</li> <li>Name display inside hall</li> <li>Centre wall Display L/R</li> <li>FREE USE OF HALL FOR 1 OCCASION (VALID FOR 3 YEARS)</li> <li>PREMIUM BLUE Brick-2 lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to 12 names</li> <li>Local Village Hall Charity</li> <li>Name display inside hall</li> <li>Centre entrance Pillar display L/R</li> <li>FREE USE OF HALL FOR 2 OCCASIONS (VALID FOR 5 YEARS)</li> <li>PRIME EXTERIOR LOCATION</li> <li>DOUBLE SIZE PREMIUM Brick -5 Lines</li> </ul>

***\*No Money due until July with a commencement date of September \****



Please Register Your Expression of Interest

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Are you interested in: (please circle)	BRONZE (2 LINES) 50 AVAILABLE	SILVER (2 LINES) 32 AVAILABLE	GOLD (5 LINES) 12 AVAILABLE
LINE 1			
LINE 2			
LINE 3			
LINE 4			
LINE 5			

**Make your donation go further with a Gift Aid Declaration:**

Please Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the last 4 years. I am a UK Taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p of every £1 that I give.

Please notify us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income.

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Tick to apply

Signed  
& Dated

Please Email your interest to [grantsandcompliance.smvh@gmail.com](mailto:grantsandcompliance.smvh@gmail.com) or return to  
The Slitting Mill, Victory Hall postal box.

Slitting Mill Village Hall Fund, Lloyds Bank Account #: 01349338 Sort Code: 309158

[Please visit the new website and sign up to our new mailing List for news and events.](#)

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