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FLETCHER HALL



LIVE MUSIC CEILIDH

On Friday 13th October, the Hall will once again come alive to the sounds of Alex Hodgson and his band for the Autumn Ceilidh.

It was fantastic to see such a big turnout at the 2022 event from around the villages and Parish and so many people 'Stripping the Willow'!

Sarah Parkin, Buffy Neilson and Kim Smith are once again organising this in aid of hall funds. Tickets are £10 each and a light supper is included in the £10 ticket price. All proceeds for this event will go towards the hall maintenance and development fund. Tickets from Buffy (07798738372).

EAST SALTOUN DEFIBRILLATOR

SCA is responsible for maintaining the defibrillator and former telephone kiosk in East Saltoun. We are pleased to report that a number of local residents have received training in resuscitation and use of defibrillators.

Dial 999 in an emergency to get the code that opens the secure cabinet inside the phone box. You can then remove the small carry case that is hanging up, take it where it is needed and unzip the defibrillator which will "talk" you through using it. It has been used a few times and is helping save lives in our community.

Thank you again to all those who helped raised funds to buy it.



**Saltoun Christmas
 Social with carol singing**



On Sunday December 3rd between 2pm and 4:30pm, join us at Fletcher Hall for a warming festive drink and some home baked treats with carol singing, with the opportunity to join in!

We will be entertained by singing from the Pencaitland Community Choir at regular intervals and hope you will join us to support all our local causes. There is a suggested donation for entry of £1 per adult, 50p for kids with under 5's FREE.

We have lined up some great local bakers for our home baking and produce stall along with a choice of drinks including tea, coffee, mulled wine, hot chocolate and prosecco to celebrate the festive season with our community. There will be some activities to keep little fingers busy with creative makes and a kids tombola as well as guess the birthday, an adult raffle with some wonderful prizes and a chance to buy some local children's crafts to raise money for good causes.

If you are a local business who would like to donate a generous raffle prize or perhaps have some toys for the kids tombola or a tin of baking to donate then please e-mail

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Fletcher Hall Maintenance

Essential maintenance of the Hall has continued, including recent air monitoring testing and structural engineer's checks of the temporary supports to the south end gable wall.

We continue to keep a close eye on the roof, structure and finishes, with assistance from East Lothian Council and would also like to thank them for filling the potholes in within the car park with left over tar from the newly laid pavement in front of the hall. Current electrical work includes repair of some overhead heaters and replacement of fluorescent lights in the main hall with more efficient LED lights.

Fletcher Hall Modernisation

With the financial pressures facing local authorities, East Lothian Council has withdrawn the capital funds it allocated to assist hall redevelopment in 2016. This is disappointing but does not change the position the trustees had previously reached – that the grant (conditional on us implementing requirements for school use) fell well short of covering the additional costs we would incur.

With huge inflation in building prices in recent years – but no increase in the 2016 allocation – the shortfall in meeting the Council's conditions would be increased considerably more. The ongoing use of the Hall and its longer-term future continue to be our top priorities, although it remains extremely challenging to find a solution to sourcing the levels of funding required to replace the building.

We are always grateful to receive fundraising ideas as well as volunteers to assist our small number of committee members in organising community events. We currently have around 50 registered Members from our local community and are always happy to receive further applications. Registering for membership of our SCIO costs you nothing but it gives you the opportunity to attend occasional meetings, to elect the committee annually, and to vote on any other matters concerning the use and future of Fletcher Hall. It also entitles you to hire rental on more favourable terms. Please get in touch if you can help us in any way, by emailing us at saltounvillagehall@gmail.com

Membership application forms are available on notice boards at the Hall, on the village notice board in East Saltoun, and in the defibrillator kiosk nearby.

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