

# FLETCHER HALL

# NEWSLETTER

## What's on

### **And They Danced : Tues 18.30 – 21.00**

Ballet 18.30-19.30

Tap 19.30-20.20

Stretch & Strengthen 20.20-21.05

Contact

[andtheydanced.es@gmail.com](mailto:andtheydanced.es@gmail.com)

### **Pilates: Thursday 11.00 – 12.00**

Contact

[saltounvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:saltounvillagehall@gmail.com)

### **Playgroup: Friday 10.00 – 12.00**

Contact:

[www.facebook.com/saltounbabytoddlers](https://www.facebook.com/saltounbabytoddlers)

### **Puppy training: Sat 09.00 – 12.00**

Contact [www.scotiadogstraining.co.uk](http://www.scotiadogstraining.co.uk)

### **Pilates : Sunday 10.00 – 11.00**

First Class 7 December 9.45-10.45 with regular times 10.00-11.00 from Sunday 14 December. £7.50 per session

Contact Gail on 07855 296372

## Winter 2025

Now the clocks have changed and the nights draw in we are turning our thoughts to the winter season and festive events.

The October ceilidh was another great sucess. Thanks to the band and ladies that made it happen. A Burns Night ceilidh is planned so get the date in your diary and bring along friends and family for some lively dancing!

Following a popular taster pilates session we are delighted to offer a regular class in the Hall calendar from Sunday 7 Dec – just in time to get your core in shape before Christmas!

As we move into winter, this newsletter highlights events, projects & people that make our village such a warm and welcoming place – enjoy!

## Upcoming Events

### **BASKET WEAVING: 15, 16 23, 29 & 30 November**

Jilly is a professional basket weaver based in East Lothian. Enjoy some hands on, crafting and meditative fun creating baskets, feeders and Christmas decorations. For details of willow basketry creations and programme details contact her at [greigjilly@gmail.com](mailto:greigjilly@gmail.com)

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS: 07 December 19.30**

To celebrate the start of the Christmas season, you are invited to gather at the Saltoun memorial to watch the Christmas Tree Lights being switched on, with carols, treats and community festive spirit.

### **CEILIDH: 23 January 19.30**

The energetic Alex Hodgeson and his band are returning for a Burn's ceilidh. Perfect for all ages and all abilities – absolute beginner to professional spinner! Tickets £10 (£5 U16s) including light supper. Paid bar available. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment – contact [eventsatfletcherhall@gmail.com](mailto:eventsatfletcherhall@gmail.com) or purchase tickets at The Village Store

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### In the Community

We would like to introduce Mike Jeans, the new chair of the SCA.

#### **Can you tell us a bit about yourself?**

I have lived in this wonderful village for 18 years with my family, usually travelling a lot with work when I always enjoyed returning home to the village. I'm now semi retired which provides an opportunity to give back to a community which has given my family and me so much over the years.

#### **What do you see as the Hall's purpose?**

The role of SCA chair is a great responsibility and I am committed to building on the work and achievements of the previous chair and committee. The recent mothballing of the school and imminent closure of the church make it even more important to come together and ensure the Hall continues to serve as a vibrant hub for everyone.

#### **Where do you see the Hall in 5 years?**

With the school no longer using the hall, it provides an opportunity for a wider range of clients. Increased hall usage is the route for future success. We have some great Hall partners who we thank for their loyalty and support. We are doing all within our efforts to increase the range of offerings and usage and we welcome your ideas which will be critical for the halls future.

#### **Opening Times**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Friday:

08:30 - 13:30

Saturday and Sunday:

09:00 - 15:00



### Local Groups

#### **Local History Group**

The Local History Group will be presenting a talk on the lives of the men honoured on the Saltoun War Memorial on 11 November. On 3 December there will be a Quiz and Christmas Social with further events and talks in the following months. See [www.saltounlocalhistorygroup.com](http://www.saltounlocalhistorygroup.com) for details and tickets.

#### **Lammermuir Parish Church**

The winter months can be difficult for those without family nearby. Aniko, our local minister, and the church offer a wide range of opportunities to get out and meet people. This includes weekly coffee mornings, coffee with four-legged-friends, advent events and outings. The next excursion is to the panto in Haddington. These are open to all, both members and non-members of the church congregation. For a schedule please see the notices on the session room window or contact Aniko (ASchuetzBradwell@ChurchofScotland.org.uk)

### Governance

The 2024 accounts are complete and submitted to OSCR - thanks to Brian Beattie (treasurer) and Sarah Parkin who provided independent verification.

We are also excited to announce a partnership with Queen Margaret University. We will be supporting students to use the Fletcher Hall as a 'real life' example for event and marketing coursework.

As ever, please send comments to [saltounvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:saltounvillagehall@gmail.com)