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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

As we've shared in previous editions of The Citadel, the Victoria Dock Village Hall and Community Centre has been hit hard in recent years. The pandemic meant we lost many section groups and room hirers, our utility bills are exceptionally high, we've lost trustees and volunteers and our Village Hall is only getting older. We have a long list of needed repairs, with our top priority being the windows and kitchen, which both need updating and replacing.

We've been a registered charity since 1995 and all the money we generate with the Village Hall goes right back into the community. To keep going, however, we've made the difficult decision to cancel Fun Day 2024 but this isn't the end. We plan to be back in 2025 to celebrate our 30th anniversary, and we plan for this Fun Day to be bigger and better than ever!

In 2024 we'll be applying for grants for building repairs and installing energy-saving measures. Plenty of our regular events will also continue, including the upcoming Easter Trail. We're working on new public Christmas decorations, after our light display on the Victoria Dock West roundabout sadly became irreparable in December and, thanks to McAusland Turner, we'll be installing the defibrillator donated to us before the closure of their local offices outside the Village Hall.

In the meantime, we're going to be doing a lot of fundraising for the community and we'll need your support. We're planning social events at the Village Hall and in the local area so we can raise money. We are also looking for more corporate sponsorships from larger firms in the area and both these and smaller businesses can advertise in the Village Hall, at our local events, on our website and in our quarterly newsletter, The Citadel. If you're unable to donate money, please consider donating your time – our association only has eight volunteers in a community with over two thousand households. We need all the help we can get.

If you would like to sponsor or donate your time or money, contact us: Email - info@vldh.co.uk



FUNDAY 2024 POSTPONED

VICTORIA DOCK
Residents' Association Meetings

Next Meeting
Monday 18th March

Dates for 2024

Monday 20th May
Monday 15th July (AGM)
Monday 16th September
Monday 18th November

We start at 6:30pm, doors open at 6:20pm.

Follow us on Facebook for dates & more information.

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The Citadel Victoria Dock Area Community News

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SECTION GROUPS ON THE DOCK

You may not know but section groups who use our hall facilities are local community groups with any purpose.

Since Covid, two of our groups did not return – *Ladies Group* and *Parent & Baby/Toddler Group*.

We therefore only have two current groups – *New Friends* who meet on a Wednesday at 12 noon, and *Chess Club* (adults and juniors) who meet on a Tuesday from 6pm & 7pm.

Section groups do not pay normal hire rates of the hall but instead their users pay £1 subs each week which is donated to the Village Hall. The groups can receive a payment back from the Village Hall towards the costs of a celebration of their choice.

We would love to have more section groups meeting in the week and using the hall. We have good availability in an afternoon and we welcome any group as long as it is a local community group. Please do give it some thought and let us know if this is something you would like to discuss further!

We have also incorporated "*Talking Tables*" alongside the *New Friends Group*. This is a Government initiative and is a way for people to come together for a cuppa and a chat who might not have the opportunity for much company. Why not pop along to the Hall one Wednesday and meet some new people?

Email: info@vdbh.co.uk for more information.



A QUESTION FOR THE DOCK

With a large amount of families on the Dock, do you think that the two play parks need updating?

The "Pirate Ship" park near the school and the Tots Park near the Village Hall are big favourites for the children of the Dock but after many years of use, they could do with freshening up.

Having lost the small play area at the pub a few years ago, the two parks have become busier and wear and tear is becoming more and more visible on the play equipment at both of the parks. As Victoria Dock is considered a more affluent area, Council funding for improvements has not been forthcoming, even though many other areas like Pearson Park have received large amounts of funding.

With Spring approaching, the parks will again be the focus for many families for play on the Dock. With the cost of days out increasing, the free parks will play an even more important role in the community.

What would you like added to the parks? New equipment? A fresh coat of paint? An outside gym area? Or are you happy with them as they are? What do you think?

NATIONAL CHESS TITLE

The English Chess Federation (ECF) National Clubs Championships was held at the University of Hull over the weekend of 20th - 22nd October providing a unique opportunity for local players to represent their clubs in a national event. Four local chess clubs (Beverley, East Hull, Hull and Victoria Dock) played against teams from the rest of England in three sections (Open, U2000 and U1700). Local teams secured four of six available trophies with Victoria Dock Chess Club winning the U1700 section. The Victoria Dock team consisted of Mark Collinson, Peter Owst, Jim Miklevicz, Richard Atkinson, Peter Eggleton and Ron Kemp. Victoria Dock Chess Club received a trophy to keep and a cash prize of £300.

Further details are available on the ECF website:

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-national-club-championships-2023/>

Victoria Dock Chess Club is on Tuesday evenings, juniors 6 - 7pm, main club 7:15pm onwards.



VICTORIA DOCK CHURCH

Celebrate Easter Sunday (31 March) at your Victoria Dock Church. Here is our schedule for the day:

6.45am: Sunrise communion by the outer basin (by the river near Lancelot Court) followed by breakfast (bacon and sausage butties, veggie options, tea & coffee) in the Village Hall.

9am: Easter celebration service in the Village Hall

We would love you to join us at either or both services and enjoy a spiritual and special Easter this year.



CAN YOU FIND THE EGGS?

The next big holiday is coming and the now traditional "Victoria Dock Easter Trail is BACK!".

On Easter Sunday, 31st March between 12pm and 6pm, the annual "Victoria Dock Easter Trail" returns to the village. As always, all you have to do is hunt for the A4 pictures of eggs hidden around the dock by following the map for clues, writing down where you found them.

The map/entry form will be available on the day from the Premier Store and there will be a special Easter box there to post your completed entries for your chance to win a prize.

Keep checking on our Facebook page for more updates and watch out for the Easter Bunny hopping around the dock.

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The Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Association really needs volunteers for our events and committee.

Interested in helping out? Get in touch with us or attend a committee meeting to learn more. Held on the 1st Monday of every month at 7PM.

WHERE?

Victoria Dock
Village Hall
(VDVH)

WHO?

Victoria Dock
residents aged 18+

WHY?

Massive volunteer
& committee
member **shortage**

Help **keep** VDVH
operating as a
community space

Influence **change**

Get **involved** in
the community

Running **30 years**

DUTIES

- Attend **monthly** committee meetings
- Shift **cover** for events at VDVH
- Oversee *The Citadel* newsletter
- Help run **Fun Day**, the Easter & Halloween Trails & Christmas events
- Decide how to maintain VDVH

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What's On at the Victoria Dock Village Hall & Community Centre

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
MONDAY	Available for HIRE	Available for HIRE	Yoga (6yrs - Adult): 6:00pm - 7:00pm Jr. Chess Club: 6pm - 7pm Fellowship Group: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
TUESDAY	Moo Music: 10:00am - 12:00pm	Available for HIRE	Yoga Class: 6:30pm - 7:30pm Jr. Chess Club: 6pm - 7pm Chess Club: 7:00pm - 10pm
WEDNESDAY	Available for HIRE	New Friends Group: 12pm - 1pm	Slimming World: 5:30pm - 6:15pm Hull Back to Basics AA Meeting: 7:15pm
THURSDAY	All Abilities Expressive Arts - Session: 10:00am - 12:00pm	Available for HIRE	Ballroom Blitz: 4pm - 6:30pm ReNew: 5:45pm - 7:45pm Latin American: 7pm - 8:30pm Ballroom Dancing: 8:30pm - 10pm Book Club: 7:30pm - 9pm (1st Thursday of the month only)
FRIDAY	Boot Camp: 9:15am - 10:15am	Available for HIRE	Kung Fu Class: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Karate for Kids: 5:15pm - 6:15pm & 6:15pm - 7:45pm
SATURDAY	Available for HIRE	Available for HIRE	Available for HIRE
SUNDAY	Church Service: 10:45am - 12pm Cafe Church: 1st Sunday	Available for HIRE	Hull Big Book: AA Meeting - 7:15pm - 9:15pm

Available for
HIRE

HIRE CHARGES (per hour)

	Member	Non Member	Capacity
Main Hall	£12	£22	170
Commodore's Room	£8	£15	25
Captains Room	£5	£10	12

Kitchen use is free with any room booking - £10 for use of the oven
(All Residents of Victoria Dock are classed as members)

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Village Hall & Community Centre

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If you would like to be part of the Victoria Dock Village Hall Community Association, we are looking for new volunteers.

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