

Spaxton Village Hall News

I write with the sun shining, the birds singing and hopefully Spring here to stay! As the field dries out not only can the footballers get back to playing but work can start on the new multi-use goal end which has been ordered and hopefully will be installed by the beginning of May! It has been a long time coming but we are sure it will be worth it with a football goal, a basketball hoop and cricket stumps. The diagram will give you an idea of what it will look like. ***Full details, diagrams and location plan can be viewed in the Village Hall and Shop.***



We are really excited to finally have such a brilliant piece of equipment for everyone to use and thanks are due to Rowena who surveyed potential users, organised and is co-ordinating the project.

The new hot water system is now installed and means there is a swift supply of safe hot water, very important for the sports showers and the catering kitchen. Thanks are due to Colin, who masterminded the scheme, Jan who applied for and obtained a grant and to Viridor Credits who made a significant contribution to the installation.

Finally, a new class is starting in the Pavilion on 30th March at 2.00pm and will run on alternate Wednesday afternoons. It is called **Flexercise** and is a chair based activity which encourages older people to keep mobile and have some fun. It is open to anyone so do come along and give it a try. Contact Maureen Anderson on 671457 if you want more information.



The Village Hall AGM is on May 9th at 7pm. If you would like to bring anything to our attention, volunteer to join the committee or to help on an ad hoc basis please come along or contact Jan, our secretary, on 671376 or janrigden13@gmail.com, we would be delighted to hear from you.

SPAXTON NIGHTS

Hi, all. I had some lovely feedback to my last article. Mrs Higginbottom said '*It got me off to sleep faster than a bottle of scotch and 2 diazepam*' and so after the epic tome I wrote last month I promise I'll keep it a bit shorter this month.

So if we all go outside on the evening of the 10th April at about 8.00pm and look for the Crescent Moon, then keep going right you will come to a bright cluster of stars called the Pleiades. Below that and slightly to the right you should see a bright star in the twilight. That is in fact Little Mercury, the nearest planet to the sun.

On the same night at 9.00pm the Crescent Moon will be in the constellation of Taurus and will be passing through clusters of stars called the Hyades. Make yourself comfortable on a sun lounger, grab your binoculars and watch as the moon moves in front of 2 bright stars, the 1st one disappears at 9.02pm followed a few minutes later by the next one. It's a lovely sight to behold.

We'll soon be coming into the months when the night sky is lighter, so I'm going to take a break from my contributions to the SCN. If you do however have any burning astronomical questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me. If anything major does happen in the skies I will send a quick note about it through the magazine.

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