

# Hook Village Halls 2026



## The Heart of Hook



Look inside there's so much to see and do

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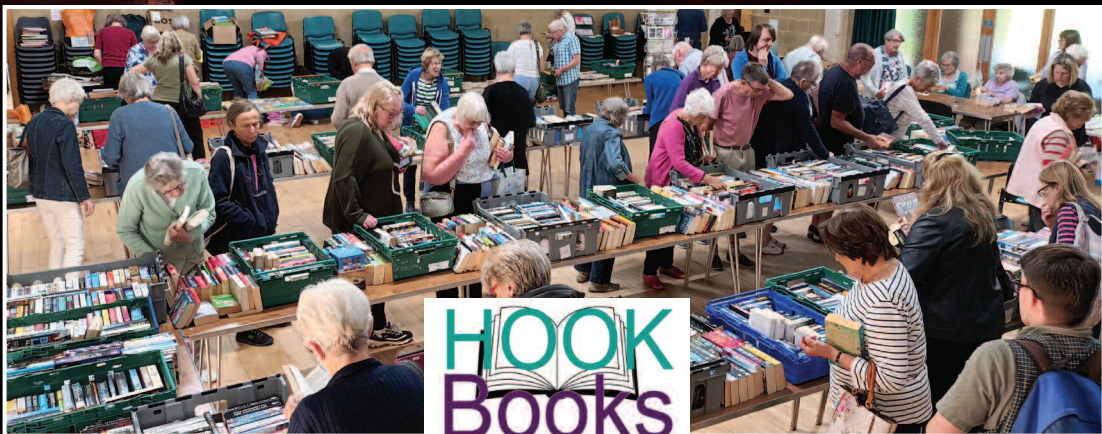
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# Get your monthly Fiction Fix at Hook Books

**With more than 3,000 books to choose from at the incredible price of 50p, children's books are 3 for 50p**

Join us every first Thursday of the month  
from 2pm - 4pm



at the Elizabeth Hall



Thousands of fiction paperbacks and children's books to choose from

Refreshments are available too, so stay a while and enjoy a drink and a delicious slice of cake

**ELIZABETH HALL, RAVEN ROAD  
HOOK RG27 9HH**

**Organised and run by volunteers for the community  
with all proceeds to your Village Halls**

# What's in it for me?

## Welcome to your What's On at your Hook village halls in 2026.

Hook is fortunate to have two village halls, with a wide choice of rooms for hire, meaning there's a hall or room that just right for all sorts of groups, meetings, parties and activities. In this magazine you're bound to find something that'll pique your interest.

Peruse the pages and you'll find there's a superb range of regular classes and activities for both adults and children (see centre pages) at both Hook Community Centre and the Elizabeth Hall. In addition there are annual and ad hoc events throughout the year.

Keep this safe, as there's plenty to interest you and your family throughout the year in 2026. This magazine is produced by Hook Village Halls Charitable Association, which runs the halls and the information within is believed to be correct at the time of publication. E&OE.

As well as this magazine, you can find out what's on at [hookvillagehalls.org.uk](http://hookvillagehalls.org.uk) and on our Facebook pages - What's on Berkshire Hampshire Surrey (run for users) or search for Hook Village Halls. For those who haven't yet found the halls, the addresses and contact details are:

Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road, Hook RG27 9HH

Hook Community Centre, Ravenscroft, Hook RG27 9NN

T: 01256 764000 [enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk) [hookvillagehalls.org.uk](http://hookvillagehalls.org.uk)

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## You Could Get FREE Hire to Start a New Group

There are introductory packages for new classes and potentially some free hire for some village organisations or groups. Free use of a room can, subject to availability, be by a group or organisation that is established purely for the benefit of the village where the individual members of that group derive no financial or other direct benefits themselves. Any event that requires attendees to pay a fee for attending (e.g. a fundraiser so that the group can spend the proceeds to benefit the village) must be able to show that the entire proceeds (less reasonable costs) benefit the village as a whole.

Free use of a room or hall can also facilitate a meeting to see if a group or organisation can gain sufficient interest to establish itself and become a potential hirer in the longer term. No fee must be charged to those attending the meetings, except to the extent required to cover prime costs. Such use to be no more than three meetings.



**Zero Hunger – Hart**  
**Thursday 10am – 12pm**  
**Elizabeth Hall Hook**

Coffee, Cake and fresh food for you to take away.  
(Please bring your own carrier bag!)

There is no criteria just turn up on the day.

£3 Donation and 2 hours of warm space and as much coffee as you can drink.

# JUST FOR ADULTS

*From Pilates to Zumba, table tennis to music, theatre and dancing (see page 10), your village halls have a wide range of activities to suit all ages and interests. There's also a dedicated Hook Squash Club with two courts and an active membership with competitions throughout the year. Here's just a few examples of classes run by different groups - see the listing in the centre pages for more.*

**Hampshire Dance Fitness** is a low impact class, hugely sociable and friendly with lots of laughter alongside the dance and music, every Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm at Hook Community Centre. It is generally followed by a cuppa in the cafe. Move at a pace that suits you. On Thursdays, 6.15-7.15pm it's Zumba Fitness at Elizabeth Hall. Dance to a range of rhythms like salsa, merengue and cumbia, with plenty of familiar tracks thrown in. For all classes, register on [bookwhen.com/hampshiredancefitness](http://bookwhen.com/hampshiredancefitness) or contact Kate (07738 668173), [katesadler@live.com](mailto:katesadler@live.com).



**Katie's Pilates** is mat-based classes from beginners onwards. Katie, an experienced instructor with a physiotherapy degree, leads sessions that are relaxed, supportive and full of good humour. Each class combines gentle, mindful movement to help you move more easily, strengthen your body and ease everyday aches and stiffness. You work on posture, balance, mobility and breathing - and hopefully leave feeling calmer, taller and more energised.

Try a one-off class before booking a 5-7-week block, term-time only. Booking essential: Phone Katie: 07769 708001 [katie@katiatarling.com](mailto:katie@katiatarling.com), [katiatarling.com](http://katiatarling.com), [facebook.com/KatiesPilatesHook](https://facebook.com/KatiesPilatesHook)



**Daisy First Aid** delivers first aid courses for adults looking after children from newborn to 18.



**Soma Pilates & Yoga** - This gentle form of exercise improves posture, muscular strength and mobility. It can reduce stress through controlled breathing coordinated with mindful movement. Sonia runs classes Monday mornings at 9:30am, consisting of a gentle warm up, mat based strength and mobility exercises, stretching and relaxation.

Yoga supports physical and mental health - improved posture, strength, mobility, balance, sleep and mental clarity. Sonia runs classes Monday evenings at 7:00pm that include breathing practices, a range of stretches, flowing movements, balances and relaxation, designed to cater for all abilities. Contact Sonia, [somayogaandpilates@gmail.com](mailto:somayogaandpilates@gmail.com) <https://soma-yoga-and-pilates.live.baluu.co.uk>



**Hook Table Tennis (Age 50+)**

A friendly group, run by volunteers, playing intermediate level table tennis on Mondays 10.45-12.30 at Hook Community Centre. Established 10 years and still going strong, with a mix of long-term and recent members, aged 50s to 90s. Keep fit, make new friends and have fun while exercising. Free taster session. Fees are termly (less than £2/session), thanks to support from Hook Fun Run. Call Jo on 07802 872672 or [knightjoanna04@gmail.com](mailto:knightjoanna04@gmail.com).



**Pilates with Perfectly Balanced Pilates** - Elaine's classes blend challenge and enjoyment, helping you work confidently at your own pace. Whether new to Pilates or looking to deepen your practice, you build strength, improve posture, enhance flexibility, and find a renewed sense of balance and wellbeing. All levels welcome – beginner to advanced. Contact Elaine Whyment: 07974 954941 [perfectlybalancedpilates@gmail.com](mailto:perfectlybalancedpilates@gmail.com) <https://perfectlybalancedpilates.co.uk>



**Slimming World** - Create lasting habits around food, drink and activity, not only a proven weight loss plan but also emotional support to help change mindset, fostering long-term control over choices. The group environment helps you stay motivated so healthy changes become second nature. The Hook group meets every Tuesday at 8am, 9.30am, 5.30pm and 7pm at The Elizabeth Hall. Go along or call Emma 07307 352403.



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM FUN FOR KIDS

**FREE**

**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY  
2026 11AM - 4PM**

**HOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE, RAVENSCROFT, RG27 9NN**



## COME ALONG TO

- MEET HOOK'S VERY OWN HEDGEHOG HOSPITAL PRICKLE LODGE
- MEET THE ANIMALS FROM MILL COTTAGE FARM
- WILLOW WEAVE WITH SPECIAL BRANCH AND MEET LOTS OF ANIMAL AND WILDLIFE CHARITIES



**REFRESHMENTS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE  
IN BARTLEY**



**Put the Date in your  
Diary to Come Along  
Whatever  
the Weather!**

## BOOK IN EARLY FOR YOUR TIME WITH THE FANTASTIC SAFARI PETE!

**MEET REPTILES & OTHER ANIMALS WITH SAFARI PETE -  
BOOK TICKETS AT [ENQUIRIES@HOOKVILLAGEHALLS.ORG.UK](mailto:ENQUIRIES@HOOKVILLAGEHALLS.ORG.UK)  
OR CALL 01256 764000**

**{£3.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by  
a responsible adult. An adult can accompany more than one child.  
No ticket/charge needed for adult}.**



HOOK VILLAGE HALLS ARE ABLE TO PUT THE EVENT ON THANKS TO SUPPORT FROM HOOK PARISH COUNCIL AND JONATHAN GLEN'S HCC DEVOLVED BUDGET. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HOOK VILLAGE HALLS ON 01256 764000 OR EMAIL [ENQUIRIES@HOOKVILLAGEHALLS.ORG.UK](mailto:ENQUIRIES@HOOKVILLAGEHALLS.ORG.UK). IN THE EVENT OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES HOOK VILLAGE HALLS CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR CANCEL ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS. EBOE



There's free Half Term Fun at Hook Community Centre from 11am to 4pm on Wednesday 18th February, plus you can book to see Safari Pete. We would like to thank Hook Parish Council and County Councillor Jonathan Glen for helping to make this possible.

To see Safari Pete, book tickets at [enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk) or call 01256 754000. Only a limited number of people can attend the sessions. The charge is £3.50 per child for Pete's superb talks (no charge for babes in arms).

# THE YOUNGER SET

**From ante natal to pre school and beyond, groups provide education, support and social activities, help develop skills, mind and body. Here's just a few examples.**

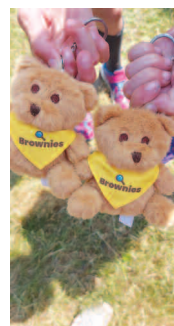


**Boogie Bugs** - dancing and singing through themed sessions. With puppets, props, bubbles, parachutes, lights and more, they regularly get told that Boogie Bugs is the week's favourite activity. Using the magic of music it enables children to grow and develop key skills including confidence, coordination, balance, rhythm, memory, imagination and much more! They sing and share traditional nursery rhymes as well as original and popular kids' music. Children are free to move around and encouraged to explore props and learn in a safe environment. Run by Cat, a local mum and former infant school teacher. Make new friends and join in the fun. [cat@boogie-bugs.co.uk](mailto:cat@boogie-bugs.co.uk), [boogie-bugs.co.uk](http://boogie-bugs.co.uk)

**Little Voices** is a performing arts school that builds confidence, nurtures potential, and makes learning fun for children aged 4-18. Group sessions are limited to a maximum of just eight pupils, ensuring every performer receives one-to-one attention, guidance, and support. Children develop strong vocal technique, expressive acting skills, and confidence that shines both on and off stage. Pupils can take LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) exams, from entry level to Grade 8. Once completed, they are professionally filmed performing, and the final film is showcased on the big screen at Cineworld for family and friends to enjoy. There's a free trial class: <https://littlevoices.org.uk/northhampshire> or contact Jackie Harrison [jackie@littlevoices.org.uk](mailto:jackie@littlevoices.org.uk) 07754 776918

**1st Hook Brownies** - adventure, friendship and fun. The perfect place for girls aged 7-10 to explore new activities, learn skills, and grow in confidence. From fun games and crafts to outdoor adventures, Brownies is all about discovering what you can do – and having a brilliant time along the way!

They are looking for adult volunteers to join the leaders. No experience needed – just enthusiasm, energy, and a sense of fun. Helping at Brownies is rewarding, develops skills, and is a fantastic way to give back to the community. Find out more/register your interest via the Girlguiding website: [girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/](http://girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/)



**Phonics Bear** classes offer an award-winning introduction to learning about letters and sounds through movement, music, crafts, games and stories, perfect for pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. Classes include multi-sensory learning activities to develop and improve fine motor skills, gross motor skills, speech, language and listening as children learn about letters and sounds through play. [chree.platt@phonicsbear.co.uk](mailto:chree.platt@phonicsbear.co.uk) or call Chree on 07375 321111. Book a trial session: <https://phonics-bear-hart.classforkids.io>



# ELIZABETH HALL ACTIVITIES

**All activities subject to change. Please check times/locations with the organisation hiring the hall**

## ADULTS

ACTIVITY	WHERE & WHEN	CONTACT
Fitness – Pilates	Monday Morning Hall 1 Friday Morning Hall 3	Soma Yoga and Pilates somayogaandpilates@gmail.com Somayogapilates.co.uk
Fitness – Pilates	Monday Evening Hall 2 Wednesday Morning Hall 1	Pilates Julie Neville 07791 646789
Health & Wellbeing	Tuesday Morning and Evening Hall 1	Slimming World Emma 07307 352403
Lunch Club	4th Tuesday of the Month Hall 1	Hook Community Lunch Club 07526 921597 hooklunchclub@gmail.com
Fitness – Pilates	Wednesday Morning early Hall 1	Katie's Pilates Katie Tarling 07769 708001 www.katietarling.com
Zero Hunger	Thursday Morning Hall 1	Zero hunger.requests@gmail.com zerohunger.helen@gmail.com
Meetings & Lectures	Monthly Thursday Afternoon Hall 1 & 4	National Trust
Fitness – Zumba (Medium-high impact)	Thursday Evening Hall 1	Zumba - Hampshire Dance Fitness Kate Sadler 07738 668173
Hook Books	1st Thursday of the Month 2pm - 4pm Hall 1 & 4	HVHCA enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk
Music	Friday Evening Hall 1	Basingstoke Silver Band bsbsec@hotmail.co.uk
Morris Dancing	Friday Evening Hall 3	Hook Eagle Morris Dancers John Ellis 01252 642444
Worship	Sunday Morning All Halls	Life Church 01256 762022
Social	Sunday Afternoon Hall 2	Say Yes Socials Lorraine Popely 07865 784668 sayyessocialsLtd@gmail.com
Amateur Dramatics	Various days All Halls	Hook Players Hazel Bonnin-Barkham hazedaze13@googlemail.com contactus@hookplayers.co.uk
First Aid Training	Ad-Hoc Morning, Afternoon & Evening Halls 2 & 3	Daisy First Aid Julie Rayson 07876 394716

## CHILDREN - CHECK TIMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dance	Monday Afternoon & Evening Saturday Morning Various Halls	Karen Blackburn Dance Academy Karen Blackburn 01730 300439
Phonics Fun	Tuesday Morning Hall 2	Phonics Bear Chree Platt 07375 321111
Singing	Tuesday Afternoon Hall 3	Tilly Lukeman Vocals Tilly Lukeman www.tillylukemanvocals.com
Family Support - Invitation only	Wednesday Morning Hall 2	Home- Start 0330 1242095 Famylsupport@hshants.org.uk
Music and Drama	Wednesday Afternoon & Evening Halls 2, 3 & 4	Little Voices 07754 776918 www.littlevoices.org.uk/northhampshire
Brownies	Wednesday Evening Hall 1	Brownies Joey & Zoe 1sthookbrownies@gmail.com

# COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

**All activities subject to change. Please check times/locations with the organisation hiring the hall**

## ADULTS

ACTIVITY	WHERE & WHEN	CONTACT
Fitness-Table Tennis	Monday Morning HOLT	Hook Table Tennis knightjoanna04@gmail.com
Social Meeting	Monday Afternoon THE CLUB ROOM	Young@Heart Claire Lambert 07989 166220 Claire.mcintyre3@btinternet.com
Fitness – Yoga	Monday Evening HOLT	Soma Yoga and Pilates somayogaandpilates@gmail.com Somayogapilates.co.uk
Pilates	Tuesday Morning HOLT	Perfectly Balanced Elaine Whyment 07974 954941 www.perfectlybalancedpilates.co.uk perfectlybalancedpilates@gmail.com
Toy Fair	Tuesday Monthly Afternoon & Evening SHELDON BARTLEY	Clement's Fair stevedevizes@aol.com 01380 725322 07963 441381
Singing	Wednesday Morning HOLT	Vibrant Voices 07548 278204 vibrantvoicesuk@gmail.com
Fitness-Table Tennis	Wednesday Morning HOLT	Odiham U3A Kevin Long tabletennis@odihamu3a.org.uk
Fitness – Zumba (Low impact)	Wednesday Morning SHELDON	Zumba Gold Kate Sadler 07738 668173 www.bookwhen.com/hampshiredancefitness
Fitness – Pilates	Wednesday Afernoon, Friday Morning & Evening SHELDON	Katie's Pilates Katie Tarling 07769 708001 www.katietarling.com
Fitness – Zumba	Thursday Morning SHELDON	Let's All Dance Michele St.Vincent 07815 499837
Fitness-Table Tennis	Thursday Morning HOLT	Odiham U3A Coral Smith tabletennis@odihamu3a.org.uk
Fitnes -Table Tennis	Friday Morning HOLT	Odiham U3A Diane Scullion tabletennis@odihamu3a.org.uk
Worship	Sunday Morning HOLT BARTLEY	NACC 07792 566890 pastor.nacc@yahoo.co.uk
Craft – Quilting	Sunday (monthly) All day SHELDON	Hampshire Modern Quilt Guild Jo Westfoot 07519 799221
Hook Shed	Ad-Hoc Morning, Afternoon, Evening VARIOUS HALLS	The Hook Shed Claire Lambert 07989 166220 Claire.mcintyre3@btinternet.com

## CHILDREN - CHECK TIMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dance	Monday Morning, Tuesday Afternoon Wednesday Evening, Thursday, Saturday VARIOUS HALLS	Karen Blackburn Dance Academy Karen Blackburn 01730 300439
Music, Movement and Sensory Class	Wednesday Morning BARTLEY	Boogie Bugs Cat 07952 229991 cat@boogie-bugs.co.uk www.boogie-bugs.co.uk
Youth Club	Wednesday (fortnightly) Afternoon & Evening THE CLUB ROOM	Fleet Phoenix info@fleetphoenix.co.uk
Baby Ballet	Friday Morning BARTLEY	Alton Baby Ballet alton@babyballet.co.uk
Football	Sunday (seasonal) Morning SHELDON	Little Kickers www.littlekickers.co.uk

## THEATRE DANCE & MUSIC

*The performing arts are well represented in Hook, with organisations and groups you can join. From treading the boards, to playing an instrument and keeping traditional dance alive as well as new genres, there's plenty to choose from. Here are just a few examples.*

### **Karen Blackburn Dance Academy (KBDA) -**

Celebrating 25 years of dance in Hampshire, KBDA welcomes students of all ages to discover the joy of movement and performance. Classes include ballet, tap, modern, contemporary, street, acro, and musical theatre. There's something for every dancer - from children taking their first steps to teenagers developing their skills and adults returning to dance.

Whether dancing for fun, fitness, or focused training, every student is encouraged to grow in confidence, creativity, and self-belief. Experienced teachers bring professional knowledge and genuine care, creating a positive, family-friendly atmosphere where everyone feels supported and valued. Classes across

Hook-admin@kbda.co.uk

karenblackburndanceacademy.com

01730 300439



**Basingstoke Silver Band** - a fun, friendly, social group creating positive experiences through music. They regularly perform at concerts, fetes, and community events in and around Basingstoke. Players of all ages and abilities welcome. Rehearsals are Friday evenings at Elizabeth Hall, where you'll find a lively, supportive atmosphere. Whether you are just starting your musical journey, returning after a break, or seeking a new challenge, there's a seat for you at BSB!



**BSB Cavaliers Drum Corps** - Established in 2024, the Cavaliers Drum Corps is the newest and most energetic addition to the BSB family. With a focus on rhythm, teamwork, and fun, they inspire the next generation of percussionists, bringing a dynamic beat to community events. Rehearsals are monthly on Sunday afternoons at Elizabeth Hall. Learn new skills and develop confidence through performance. Whether new to drumming, returning after a break, or seeking a fresh challenge, there's a place for you with the Cavaliers.

bsbsec@hotmail.co.uk,

basingstokesilverband.square.site



**Eagle Morris Dancers** use the Elizabeth Hall for winter (October-April) practice sessions (Friday evenings). Join and meet some interesting new people, learn dances, and (hopefully) get a bit fitter. By St George's Day you should be ready and confident to perform at local festivals, pubs and special events in beautiful, family-friendly places right across the south of England during their summer dancing season. You'll be keeping up traditions, entertaining the public and having real fun. Plus, of course, lots of opportunities to drink more beer! No age restrictions (except for beer), special equipment and only moderate fitness needed. Contact Bagman, John Ellis bagman@hookeagle.org.uk, 07900 886855) [www.hookeagle.org.uk](http://www.hookeagle.org.uk). Their next Ceilidh is booked in the Community Centre for Saturday, 19th September, 2026.



## SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

*Keeping socially engaged is important for mental health and keeping socially active can be a challenge as we age. There are groups and activities at the village halls that help people maintain social contacts and get support.*

**Young @ Heart** is a friendly inter-generational group (for over 60's and teenagers) that aims to bridge the gap between generations and foster a sense of community and belonging. Whether you're looking to make new friends, learn new skills or simply enjoy a relaxing afternoon, Y@H offers a warm and welcoming environment. They meet Monday afternoons 2.30pm-4.30pm term time only in The Club Room. Contact Claire Lambert on 07989 166220 or [claire.mcintyre3@btinternet.com](mailto:claire.mcintyre3@btinternet.com)



**The EH Lunch Club** meets on the fourth Tuesday each month from 12:15 to 1:45pm and numbers have steadily grown. Hardly surprising when for just £6 (as at Jan 2026), older people enjoy a two course meal with a drink plus tea/coffee. For more information, see the advert below.



**HOME  
START  
Hampshire**

**Home Start Hampshire** is a charity offering help, friendship, advice and support to families with young children (up to age 11) who are finding life difficult. Family Support | By Referral

Wednesday Morning | Home- Start Hampshire | Tel: 0330 1242095 | [familysupport@hshants.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@hshants.org.uk)

**HOOK  
COMMUNITY  
LUNCH CLUB**



Every 4th Tuesday of the month  
12.15pm (arrive from noon)



Elizabeth Hall, Raven Rd  
Hook, RG27 9HH



'Everything about this lunch club is excellent' - Contributor to the Hook Community Facebook pages

Enjoy a delicious two course lunch, a glass of wine or juice & a hot drink for just £6 per head.



Run by volunteers we provide older people & those who live alone in Hook & surrounding villages with an enjoyable, sociable, warming home-cooked meal.

If you want to join us or know anyone in the village who would like to come along, do please get in touch.

Email: [hooklunchclub@gmail.com](mailto:hooklunchclub@gmail.com)

Call/Text: 07526 921597

Due to the lunch club's popularity, we are now operating a waiting list



## FAITH & WORSHIP

A number of faith groups use the village halls, including the New Anointing Christian Centre (NACC), a place of prayer, peace and joy to all. The community is richly diverse - different ages and backgrounds - coming together to worship and serve together, serving Christ as one. They're passionate about sharing Christ's love through fellowship, ministry, worship. They meet each Sunday in Holt (at the Community Centre), from 10am - 2.30pm. They host activities throughout the year, e.g. Big Easter Saturday. Find out more on Facebook: [NACC HOOK/churchnacc@gmail.com](mailto:NACC HOOK/churchnacc@gmail.com) or call 07577 235231.



# NEVER BEEN? TAKE A LOOK

*If you've never stepped foot inside either the Elizabeth Hall or Hook Community Centre, you're missing a treat. These halls are the vibrant centre of community activity, enabling villagers to meet, socialise, exercise and take part in all sorts of activities. Both venues have fully functional kitchens with crockery and cutlery, perfect for events serving food.*

## The Elizabeth Hall

Completely rebuilt in 2007, set in its own grounds with a dedicated car park it hosts a wide variety of activities. It has been updated and maintained to a high standard and now boasts a refurbished kitchen and a large outside patio in the secure building area.

There's a large main hall with a professional stage and a capacity of up to 200, depending on the mix of standing versus seating. Bands love it and it's the perfect setting for Hook Players to perform their plays and pantomimes. The hall has a sprung floor, recently refurbished to make it great for dancing.

There are three smaller halls, each with air-conditioning, perfect for meetings or small groups. Halls 2 and 3 have their own small kitchenette, whilst Hall 4 has a roller shutter to the main kitchen. It also gives access to the main hall, and patio doors leading out to the large terrace area.



## Hook Community Centre

Sheldon is the main hall and is marked out with a full size badminton court. It's often used for children's parties as well, as you can bring in larger equipment such as a bouncy castle. It's also used for toy fayres and larger meetings.

Bartley is the other ground floor hall, with direct access to the spacious kitchen. With double doors to Sheldon it can make a larger venue.

There are two first floor rooms, each with stair and individual lift access. Holt is a large room with its own kitchen and is used for meetings, table tennis, yoga and much more.

The Club Room has its own dedicated access and lift and is great for all sorts of social occasions. It's also where Fleet Phoenix runs a youth club.



## WHO OWNS AND RUNS THE TWO HALLS

Both Hook Community Centre and the Elizabeth Hall are run by a registered charity - Hook Village Halls Charitable Association (HVH). The charity has a board of trustees and three part time staff. All income comes from licensees and hirers, with not a penny from your Council Tax. The only exception is IF the Community Centre makes a loss in any year (which it hasn't since 2017) Hook Parish Council underwrites that loss. The same does not apply to the Elizabeth Hall. The charity has more than adequate reserves to meet its needs and investment plans.

The land at the Elizabeth Hall is owned by the charity (freehold). Hook Parish Council owns the building itself and leases it to HVH. When the lease expires, HVH will own the building as well.

The land and building at the Community Centre is owned by Hook Parish Council, which leases the building and grounds to HVH.

Three part-time staff manage day to day operations including lettings and hire management, overseeing

contractors and interacting with its many hirers.

The charity's board of trustees meets ten times a year to oversee the direction and policies of the charity. It also takes decisions over investments in the buildings and major maintenance issues, licence and hire fees and many other matters inherent in running two busy buildings.

Currently there are seven trustees and the charity would welcome more. If you're young, it's great for your CV, if you're older, it's great to share your experience. Here's what one recently recruited director says,

"I give my time freely as a Director and Trustee because the village deeply matters to me: I live here. It gives me the opportunity to develop skills I would not otherwise use running my own business, and also gives me the opportunity to benefit from the broad range of experiences, insights and views of the other Directors and Trustees – something money simply cannot buy."

If you are interested in becoming involved, get in touch to find out more. Call the staff on 01256 764000 or [enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hookvillagehalls.org.uk)

## DAIRY DATES - Don't miss out

**24th Jan - Echo Hotel Music Club at Elizabeth Hall reopens its doors again on Saturday 24 January 2026 with Chloe Josephine (ex Brave Rival) and her Band playing a full set.**

**Tickets (£18) at**

**[ticketsource.co.uk/hooklive/t-qmvakgk](https://ticketsource.co.uk/hooklive/t-qmvakgk)**

**18th Feb – Free Hali Tem Fun – see page 6**

**13th Sept – Hook Flower & Produce Show – see back cover**

**30th Oct – Hook's Coffee morning in aid of St. Michael's Hospice - see right**

**1st Thursday each month – Hook Books – see page 2**

## HOOK'S VILLAGE CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

**10am-12noon Friday 30th October in the Club Room, Hook Community Centre, Ravenscroft RG27 9NN**



**Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake for a suggested donation of £5**



St. Michael's dedicated team of nurses, doctors and therapists deliver free, high quality, compassionate end-of-life care and support to patients, their families and carers.

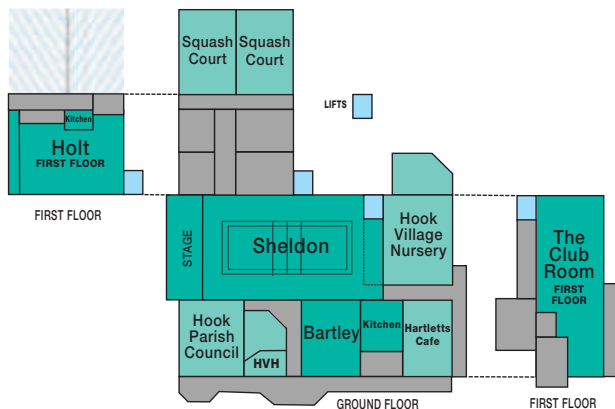
Only 22% of their funds are provided by the NHS, the rest is raised thanks to the generosity and kindness of the local community, that's why we are organising a coffee morning for them this year.

**We need to raise £14,500 a day on top of funding to run the Hospice.**



In the event of unforeseen circumstances Hook Village Halls Charitable Association reserves the right to alter or cancel the event E&OE.

# THE HALLS



## Community Centre Facilities

Stylish and well equipped, all hirers can benefit from use of modern, comfortable chairs and practical small and large tables. A high quality sound system, projector and screen can be provided.

Hirers can also make use of a full badminton set in Sheldon and table tennis in Holt.

## The Club Room

Dimensions: Approx 20m x 8m

Capacity 75 - Disabled access via lift

### Sheldon

Dimensions: Approx 12m x 17m  
38' 4" x 55' 9"

Capacity: 150 seated / 200 standing  
Large ground floor multi-purpose hall  
Sound proofed walls and ceiling  
Badminton net and marked court  
Hatch from the kitchen

### Bartley

Dimensions: Approx 8.5m x 6m  
27' 10" x 19' 8"

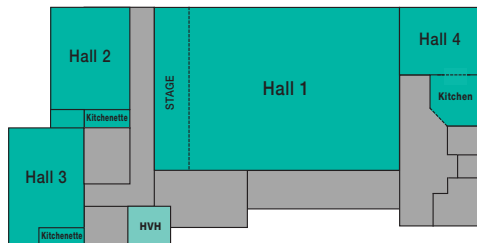
Capacity: 45 seated / 75 standing  
Small ground floor hall/meeting room  
Adjoining door to Sheldon so ideal as bar/serving area

### Holt

Dimensions: Approx 8m x 11.5m  
26' 3" x 37' 8"

Capacity: 70 seated / 100 standing  
Bright and stylish first floor hall/meeting room  
Ideal for classes, meetings and parties  
Small self contained kitchen with cutlery and crockery for 100  
Disabled access via stair lift  
Two table tennis tables available at small additional charge

**Information for guidance. Please check all details with staff before booking**



### Hall 1

Dimensions: Approx 13m x 14m 42' 8" x 45' 11"  
Capacity: 200 seated or standing  
Fully-sprung wooden floor  
Large fixed stage (useable stage area approx 8m x 5m)  
Hatch from the kitchen into the bar area adjoining Hall 1 foyer

### Hall 3

Dimensions: Approx 8m x 6m 26' 3" x 19' 8"  
Capacity: 45 seated / 60 standing  
Kitchenette with mugs available  
Can be hired with Hall 2 to make larger space, ideal for parties

### Hall 2

Dimensions: Approx 8m x 6m 26' 3" x 19' 8"  
Capacity: 45 seated / 60 standing  
Kitchenette with mugs available  
Adjoining hallway with Hall 3

### Hall 4

Dimensions: Approx 7m by 5m 22' 11" x 16' 5"  
Capacity: 40 seated / 50 standing  
Large hatch to kitchen  
Adjoins Hall 1 and is ideal as food service or bar area  
Use of kitchen included in hall hire

# HARTLETTS CAFE



Hartletts Café celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2025, feeling proud to be in the heart of the community, catering for events, it really has been a pleasure thank you for your support. The café, at Hook Community Centre, is open Monday – Saturday. Breakfasts, sandwiches, salads, freshly baked cakes, afternoon teas, amazing coffee, ice cream shakes and

much more. They also cater for corporate lunches, birthdays, wakes and special events. Call on 01256 541821, [events@hartlettscafe.co.uk](mailto:events@hartlettscafe.co.uk), Facebook: #hartlettscafe [hartlettscafe.co.uk](http://hartlettscafe.co.uk)

## ALSO AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Hook Parish Council

Located within the Community Centre. Our clerk and her team are resident focused and, together with the councillors, provide a service to your community. As a Parish Council it does all it can to maintain – and enhance - the village for all residents, focused on making Hook a better and attractive place to work and live.

Full Council meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 19.30. Residents are welcome to go along, or you can participate by linking into meetings online.

Have you thought about becoming a member of the progressive team by becoming a Parish Councillor? If you would like to know more email: [info@hook.gov.uk](mailto:info@hook.gov.uk) The offices are open Monday to Friday 9am to noon. Telephone: 01256 768687 / 01256 768573. Phone calls may be answered outside these times – or please leave a message. Email (General Enquiries): [info@hook.gov.uk](mailto:info@hook.gov.uk). Website: [hook.gov.uk](http://hook.gov.uk)

### Hook Village Nursery

Creates a caring, loving and secure environment for children from birth to 5 years of age. Nursery meets Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm term time only. For more information telephone: 07580 680164, email: [hookvillagenursery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hookvillagenursery@yahoo.co.uk) or go to [hookvillagenursery.org.uk](http://hookvillagenursery.org.uk).

### Hook Community Squash Club

A not-for-profit organisation that exists to foster and promote the sport of squash in the community of Hook. They manage two courts providing opportunities for recreation and competition for players of all ages and abilities. See [hooksquash.org.uk](http://hooksquash.org.uk) for more information or email: [hooksquash@googlemail.com](mailto:hooksquash@googlemail.com).

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# **HOOK FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**



**Elizabeth Hall RG27 9HH**

**Staging (exhibitors only 09.30 to 11.00am) | Open to Public from 2.00pm**

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