

# Centre News



*“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”*

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## New-look gets the go ahead

As part of the Centre’s “Operation Facelift”, the trustees have agreed a redecoration scheme for the main hall, meeting room and foyer.

A fresh new look will be given to the three principal spaces which were last painted several years ago.

In addition to the extensive paint job, new doors are to be installed at the main entrance which will improve security and the appearance of the building. New flooring will be applied to the foyer and meeting room.

The works are expected to take about a week and will be scheduled around bookings in the quieter summer months.

## A safe place to keep fit and for children to play

As the winter surrenders to spring, we can now venture outdoors once again, and where better for the kids to let off steam and older folks to get back in trim than the Centre’s recreation ground.

Following their annual safety inspection, both our Fresh Air Gym and Children’s Play Area are open for some fun and games.



**FRESH AIR GYM  
SAFETY NOTICE**

This is NOT children’s play equipment

Users of this equipment do so at their own risk

Minimum height for users is 1400mm (4ft 7ins)

This equipment is intended for youths and adults

Only one person at a time at each piece of equipment

Read and follow equipment instructions

Consult a doctor before use if you have any health issues

Avoid over-exertion and stop if you feel faint or dizzy

Keep well hydrated particularly on warm days

Do NOT use if under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Do NOT use if equipment is damaged or broken

This equipment is tested, inspected and maintained by the Centre Trust Tel: 01782-585243 in EMERGENCY Tel: 999

**Children’s Play Area**

- ✓ This Play Area has been designed for ages 2 to 14 Years
- ✓ Use of equipment is at your own risk
- ✓ Adult supervision is recommended
- ✓ NO dogs, litter or smoking
- ✓ Please report all accidents and equipment damage
- ✓ This play area is not a “secure play” area and is not suitable for 16-18s



There is no booking needed to use this equipment - just turn up and enjoy - it’s free, and so is our car park !

## New Trustees

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr Richard McDonnell and his wife Jeanette as trustees who attended their first Board meeting on 26 February. They intend to take a full and active role in the management of the Centre and their participation is greatly appreciated.

There are still vacancies and if you wish to find out more with a view to becoming a trustee please contact [welcome@actonrussellcommunitycentre.org](mailto:welcome@actonrussellcommunitycentre.org)

**Centre receives 5 star reviews**

The trustees and volunteers go to great lengths to attract and accommodate our many hirers and users - in fact we host over 600 functions a year !

So it is particularly gratifying to see that our efforts are recognised by organisers who have awarded the Centre 5 stars consistently over the past few years with remarks such as:

*“We have done a couple of children’s birthday parties here and it’s a great hall. The main hall is a good size with a big stage. Nice little kitchen. Plenty of parking. Very clean and tidy. Perfect hall for children’s parties”.*

*“Nice centre to hold a birthday party, plenty of space for the kids to play”.*

*“Excellent community facilities”. “Great venue”.*

*“Well organised, clean and with a safe fenced-off park for the little ones to play in”.*

Well done and thanks to everyone for achieving these much-appreciated and well-deserved accolades.

# A home for your hobby

If you have a particular interest or hobby which could be shared by others, why not begin a club? The Centre will help get you started. Here are a few ideas ...



## WINE CLUB

Fancy a tittle? If you would like to know more about viniculture and enjoy sampling new wines then why not help form our very own wine club?



## FILM CLUB

The Centre's new professional AV equipment means we are all geared up to show films. Please get in touch if you would support a Film Club for regular screenings of your favourites.



## TABLE GAMES CLUB

Canasta, Whist, Poker, Dominoes, Monopoly ... a quiet afternoon whiling away with friends playing cards and other table games for the pure pleasure of it. Why not throw your hand in to take part and deal yourself some fun and companionship?



## PROBUS CLUB

For retired or semi-retired professional and business people, offering friendship and fellowship through regular meetings featuring speakers, lunches and social outings. Originating in the UK, they are worldwide, non-profit, non-political groups for men, women or mixed memberships.

# Regular club meetings

## Regular Club Meetings

All welcome but please check beforehand that the club is meeting, especially around public and school holidays.

Club	Day	Times
Indoor Bowls	Monday	2-4pm
Photography Group	Tuesday	7.30pm-9.30pm
Art Group	Wednesday	1.30pm-3.30pm
Yoga & Meditation	Wednesday	6.45pm-7.45pm
Tea Room	Thursday	10am-12.30pm
Local Vocals Choir	Thursday	7.30pm-9.30pm
Acton Trussell WI	3rd Thursday	7.30pm
Craft Group	Friday	2-4pm

Club secretaries are asked to advise any special events or changes to their meetings programme by leaving a message on 01785-596543 for inclusion in *Centre News* and our website.

### CENTRE NEWS

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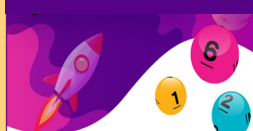
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Tickets cost just £1 per week

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"Good Luck and Thank You!"



Generate FREE donations for us when you shop your favourite retailers online



Simply go to the "shop" page on the Centre's website.

Every Thursday morning the Centre plays host to **The Tea Room** where good company can be enjoyed with hot beverages, scrummy tea cakes and on the first Thursday of the month it's Bacon Buttie Day. Don't miss it - everyone is welcome!



Our **Read & Return Library** has a large and varied collection of books. When next you're in the Centre, it's worth having a browse for your next bedtime story. Borrowing is free but donations are welcome.

## CENTRE ENQUIRIES

If you are looking to hire the Main Hall, Meeting Room or Recreation Ground please go to [www.actontrussellcommunitycentre.org/hire/](http://www.actontrussellcommunitycentre.org/hire/) or scan our QR Code above, where you'll find all the information you need including availability, T&C's, FAQ's and be able to book quickly and easily online.

For all other, non-hire enquiries please Telephone: 01785-596543 (24/7) or email:

[welcome@actontrussellcommunitycentre.org](mailto:welcome@actontrussellcommunitycentre.org)



## Your Centre needs YOU

Join or Start a Club. Become a Volunteer or a Trustee.

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