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EAST RIDING VILLAGE HALLS NETWORK

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## VILLAGE HALLS WEEK

Village Halls in the East Riding are supporting ACRE's (Action with Communities in Rural England) national Village Halls Week. This year the aim is "to celebrate, encourage and support the efforts of volunteers who keep these important rural community buildings open".

Anita Liley, Secretary to ERVAN the East Riding Village Halls Network said "This theme is very close to our heart at ERVHN as we are a charity of volunteers dedicated to the support of the volunteers who run the many community buildings in the Riding. With the support through an East Riding Future Communities grant funded by RWE Ltd Goole II Wind Farm we are able to offer a grant of £50 to member halls to present events that celebrate the many volunteers who keep our village halls open and active."

Over thirty halls are taking part in the action called Halls For All and activities are varied. Rob Thomson treasurer of Sancton Village Hall welcomed the grant, "We will open our hall 10.00 - 11.00 am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to welcome anyone willing to spend an hour cleaning windows, sweeping floors or doing a bit of gardening for a cuppa and toasted teacake. We enjoyed the camaraderie at the Coronation Clean Up event and welcome people back. Every little bit helps."

Others taking part include:

Beeford Community Centre: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3.00 – 4.30 pm Drop in Tea Party to thank people who currently volunteer for community groups in Beeford and encourage others who might like to volunteer in some way. Free event.

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 -11.30 . Pop in Café run by volunteers –“ a vital service provided by volunteers for the many.” Claire Gooch

Foston on the Wold Village Hall: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7 -10.30 pm Irish Dancing Celebration followed by a supper “to celebrate the generous donation of time and effort by the 36 volunteers without whom the wonderful performance would not take place.” David Watt.

Hutton Cranswick Sports and Recreation Centre: 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30 Quiz Night. A quiz night for all (14 – 94) including supper – 7 rounds including a picture round.

Keyingham Parish Institute: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 11.00 am Coffee Morning . “Volunteers will bake and serve refreshments and assorted cakes to the local community. This provides an opportunity for people to chat and meet new friends.” Fran Beardow.

Lockington Village Hall: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Pub Games Night held on one of the hall's regular pb nights. Dart board, pub games and even prizes!

North Frodingham Village Hall: Community Choir – started by hall and supported by volunteers.

Rob added, “ Volunteers are the life blood of community activities in the East Riding. Village Halls and organisations need people to support them. It doesn’t take an amount of skill to sweep a floor or make a cup of tea but every bit of help is always appreciated. My message is ‘Don’t be shy - give it a try.’”

The ACRE Village Halls Week runs from 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and further information is available at <https://acre.org.uk> and [www.ervhn.org.uk](http://www.ervhn.org.uk)