

Testimonials and Thank You's for Enford Village Hall

"We want to thank you for letting us use Enford Village Hall for our Wedding. We had the most perfect Wedding Day and our evening Reception Reception was fantastic, helped by the brilliant facilities that the Hall provides"

Jo and Martin October 2010

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**"Our party went off very well and we received many favourable comments. Thank you very much for your part in helping us to organise the celebration"**

**Pan and Jen June 2011**

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"We would like to thank you very for all your much appreciated help with our Wedding Anniversary Party in the Village Hall. The Hall was a wonderful venue and we had many comments saying what a beautiful venue, and how lucky we are. Please pass on our thanks to the Committee"

Mike and Pam May 2011

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**"We would like to thank you for the hire of the hall. It was a lovely venue for the party and the facilities were perfect. Everyone was commenting on how nice the hall is and the beautiful views"**

**Dee and John November 2011**

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WEDDING RECEPTION AT ENFORD VILLAGE HALL – 2 July 2011

On Saturday 2nd July our son's and daughter in law's wedding reception was held at Enford Village Hall, http://enfordnewsletter.org/village_hall.php, – it couldn't have been a better venue for us!

The hall is licenced to seat 100 so with the possibility of 150 guests attending we decided early on that we would need to add a marquee to the side of the hall . The photograph above shows the layout we adopted, with the marquee facing roughly SW. Over to the right hand corner of the field an area for the campers was set up, with a hired portaloos from www.robbeale.co.uk.



The catering was done by Bob Holman and his team from The Food Gallery, Marlborough www.thefoodgallery.co.uk/ who did us proud with a wood-fired slow roasted hog – this involved Andy and Marcus coming down the evening before to get the fire going and roast the hog overnight .

The bar was provided by Chris Herridge www.goldcashbars.co.uk, which looked very professional in the hall where the piano normally goes. As well as providing the bar, Chris also supplied the glasses for the tables and chilled all the wine for us in advance. Apart from wine and champagne, we also bought some local ale from the Stonehenge brewery www.stonehengeales.co.uk, in Netheravon, which was very well received.



The marquee was provided by Jules and his team www.mangomarqueehire.com from Mango Marquees. In addition, Jules also supplied additional chairs and tables of similar pattern to those at the village hall as we needed 16 tables in all. Additional crockery, cutlery, teapots, coffee pots and other bits and pieces were hired from China Rose (7a-7b High Street, Pewsey, Tel: 01672 563796). As you can see in the photo (left), the overall effect was pretty good.



The marquee came with chandelier and uplighting however we also had some spectacular outdoor lighting provided by Dave and **The Production People (Unit 9, Lains Business Park, Andover, SP11 8PX, Tel: 01264 889934)**.

In the evening, we danced in the Village

Hall to The Jellied Reels Ceilidh Band, www.jelliedreels.com. They showed us how to do various country dances, while those who wanted to sit and have a quiet chat had a choice of staying on at the tables in the marquee or grabbing a fold up chair and sitting outside.



The majority of overnight guests stayed at the Holiday Inn, Solstice Park, Amesbury. We also had guests staying at: the Travelodge (Countess Roundabout); Fairlawn Hotel, Amesbury; Red Lion/Best Western, Salisbury; The Old Post Office at Haxton, www.theoldpostoffice-wiltshire.co.uk; Enford House Cottage, www.enfordhouse.co.uk; and The Manor at Upavon, www.themanorupavon.co.uk.

Transport between hotels and the Village Hall was supplied by Tourist Coaches of Salisbury, www.touristcoaches.co.uk.

After the last bus had departed just after midnight, the campers and the bride and groom sat around the remains of the 'hog' fire and played guitars until the morning started to creep in. Pretty much a perfect ending to the day.

If you are planning to hold this sort of function in the village hall, you will need to take out public indemnity insurance to cover you against accidental damage to the hall or to the marquee (if you hire one). Rather than take out a 'wedding plan' insurance package, which covers you for all sorts of things you may not want, we opted for a straightforward public indemnity policy from Leisure and Lifestyle Insurance www.leisureandlifestyleinsurance.co.uk at less than half the price of the wedding plans.

Finally, we would like to say a massive thanks to Judy D'Arcy Irvine, enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com, who assisted and advised us throughout the whole process. We are indeed very grateful to her and to all the village hall committee for managing such a magnificent facility on behalf of the villagers.