

A woolly addition to Shutford Village Hall

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Shutford Village Hall has added some unusual woolly finishing touches that add both style and functionality to the recently completed centrepiece.

As with most spacious multi-purpose buildings the space creates unwanted echoes making hosting plays and musical events challenging.

To solve this, village hall trustees sought the help of an acoustic specialist company named The Woolly Shepherd.

They produce sustainable acoustic solutions using only natural fibres which enhance the environment, reduce background noise and improve speech intelligibility.

Rita Livesey, committee member and one of trustees of the village hall said: "The committee chose a combination of panels for the walls and circles

for the ceiling to embrace the architecture of the hall.

"The colours, heather and dove grey and clotted cream were also chosen for their warmth and the natural feel they give to the room.

"We are delighted not only from the way it looks but more importantly the result it has given us in terms of solving the acoustics in our new village hall."

Since its grand opening in July the hall has become a focal point for villagers hosting yoga and pilates classes, private parties and evening suppers.

Now, with the new acoustics in place, the hall is venturing into the world of the visual arts as Chipping Norton Theatre presents Sherlock Holmes and the Crimson Cobbles.

The play will be held in the hall on Thursday, October 19 at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and can be purchased from the box office by calling 01295 788520. For more info on the hall visit www.shutfordvillage.com.



Shutford Village Hall Macmillan coffee morning with the new acoustics.

RVS honour Banbury couple for fundraising efforts

The Royal Voluntary Service located at the Cornhill Centre on Bolton Street hosted a celebratory barbecue in honour of its biggest supporters.

Sarah and Andrew Wade, who are both registered blind, became much loved regulars at the town centre Marks and Spencer store where Sarah showed off her incredible vocal talents.

Aided by Andrew who would select and play backing tracks, Sarah sang at the store once a month throughout 2016.

Their two hour sessions proved popular and donations to the couple raised almost £2,000 for the charity.

In August the RVS held a celebration of their success at which they were presented with a certificate and a barbecue was held in their honour.

Sarah said: "We have really enjoyed raising money for the RVS, and I very much enjoyed the 'gig' at M&S, I wish we could do some more.



Sarah and Andrew Wade (seated) with Steve Kilsby of RVS

"The RVS is a great cause to raise money for, and Andy and I have our lunch in their Cornhill Café a couple of times every week."

Steve Kilsby, RVS service manager, said: "We are so grateful for Andrew and Sarah's efforts. They have been a godsend to us, and we are enormously grateful for the fabulous support we have had from M&S as well."

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