

History

Brent Knoll Parish Hall was originally built on a site kindly donated by Mr A W Bennis. Local builders, J G Steer & Sons, erected the building and it was opened on Saturday February 26th 1927. It had cost £950, £100 more than the original estimate, which had taken 6 years to raise.

Mr W T Petchey was the Chairman of the Building Committee, assisted by the Rev A C Schofield, who proclaimed it a Parish Hall, not a church or village hall.

Later a kitchen, toilet-block and store room were added, but in 1997, the Trustees decided to upgrade them all to a modern standard and Project 2000+ was launched.

In 2004 building works were completed, including new integrated extensions to the hall, helped by generous donations towards the total of cost approximately £250,000. The hall was officially re-opened by Robin Bush (of Channel 4's Time Team and Chairman of Somerset County Council) and Ann Bown (Chairman of Sedgemoor District Council) on 23rd October 2004.

In 2012, the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, additional building works took place and the "Jubilee Room" was completed, costing approximately £90,000. It was opened by Tessa Munt MP and Frances James on the 25th August 2012.

The Hall is a registered charity (No. 271418) and is managed by a committee consisting of representatives of user groups and elected members. It depends entirely on hiring fees and fundraising in order to function.

Hall Capacity

Hall Capacity	Main Hall	Nuttall Room	Jubilee Room
Closely Seated Audience	135	76	44
Dancing	135	60	
Seating at Tables	67	31	
Dancing & Seats at Tables	80	30	

Hiring Fees

Village Organisations & Residents

Main Hall	£ 7.50 per hour
Nuttall Room	£ 6.00 per hour
Main + Nuttall	£ 9.50 per hour
Jubilee Room	£ 7.00 per hour
Whole Site	£ 14.00 per hour

Village Youth Groups

Main Hall	£ 6.00 per hour
Nuttall Room	£ 4.50 per hour
Main + Nuttall	£ 7.00 per hour
Jubilee Room	£ 5.50 per hour
Whole Site	£ 11.00 per hour

Non Residents

Main Hall	£ 12.00 per hour
Nuttall Room	£ 8.50 per hour
Main + Nuttall	£ 14.00 per hour
Jubilee Room	£ 11.00 per hour
Whole Site	£ 22.00 per hour

** All Charges are inclusive of Equipment and are correct at the time of printing, but must be confirmed with the Hall Booking Administrator.

A deposit is required when booking the Hall or equipment, to be agreed with the Hall Booking Administrator.

Off-site Equipment Hire Charges

Off-site hire of Tables/Chairs/Crockery/etc. is by negotiation with the Hall Booking Administrator.

Accommodation

Brent Knoll Parish Hall is suitable for hire for Exhibitions, Conferences, Meetings, Parties, Receptions, Quizzes, Dances, Plays, Film Shows, Whist Drives, Family gatherings, etc.

Three main function areas are available: the **Main Hall (Harris Room)**, the **Nuttall Room** and the **Jubilee Room**, all fully heated and having disabled access and toilets.

Additional facilities include the **Bobbie John Kitchen**, toilets and ample storage areas and cupboard space.

A secure Children's Toilet (access solely from the Main Hall) and decoration based around village art are special features.

The **Main Hall (Harris Room)** offers a serving hatch to the Kitchen, hearing loop, microphones (available on request), sprung wooden floor, a removable **Pam Dite stage** (an additional charge may be levied).

The **Nuttall Room** is laminated, has a serving hatch to the Kitchen and may be hired separately or in conjunction with the Main Hall (Harris Room) (as a reception area, or for a bar and/or for food serving, for instance).

The **Jubilee Room** has a built in overhead projector, screen and sound system. Tea and light snack facilities (no Kitchen access). It has a lockable door through to the remainder of the building or can be entirely self-sufficient. It also has access to the **Mary Frost patio**.

The **Bobbie John Kitchen** offers hot and cold water, a six-ring combination cooker and oven, plus microwave, fridge, dishwasher, kettle, urn, crockery, ample work surfaces and power points and serving hatches to the Main Hall (Harris Room) and Nuttall Room.

Parking is available on the Village Green Car Park adjacent to the Hall.

Where to find us

Booking the Hall

We have a new booking system for the Parish Hall that allows you, the user, to make your own bookings much like booking an online cinema or show tickets. It's a simple system, but you must have either a PC, tablet or phone to make a booking. For those who haven't access to either a PC, tablet, phone or friendly IT person, please contact:

Jenny Butters, Parish Hall Booking Administrator between the hours of 10am to 5pm at either:

Telephone: **+44 (0) 1278 760 477** or e-mail: jennybutters23@gmail.com.

To access our online hall booking service go to the Brent Knoll website and click on the link to Parish Hall bookings or type in the following address into either your computer, telephone, or tablet:

www.brentknollvillage.co.uk/hall.htm

Or you can use the QR code to get to the website to book the Parish Hall.



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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 271418



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