

BAPCHILD AND TONGE VILLAGE HALL

Web site: www.bapchildvillagehall.weebly.com



School Lane, Bapchild, Kent ME9 9NL

Bookings and further information

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Location

From Sittingbourne: Follow the A2 in an easterly direction towards Teynham and Faversham. At the bottom of Fox Hill as you come into Bapchild, there is a farm shop on the right and a sign for Bapchild on the left by a bus lay-by. Just after the lay-by is the Fox and Goose public house. School Lane is opposite the public house and is signposted to Rodmersham. The Hall is 100 metres on the right opposite the primary school.



From Faversham: Follow the A2 in a westerly direction towards Teynham and Sittingbourne. After you pass the village sign as you come into Bapchild, there is a petrol station and car show room on the left. Some 200 metres after the petrol station is the Fox and Goose public house. School Lane is on the left opposite the public house. The Hall is 100 metres on the right opposite the primary school.



History of the Building

The Hall was built in 1988 and replaced a much smaller old Village Hall originally built in 1921. The building was designed to blend in to its rural surroundings and features an imposing barn style roof and landscaped grounds. The clock tower was added in 2000 to mark the Millennium and the Antony Room was added in 2010.

Hire Charges

The Hall is a registered charity held in trust for the villagers of Bapchild and Tonge.

The Hall can be hired for a family occasion such as a wedding, as a regular booking or for a one off event.

Information for hire charges, booking forms, terms and conditions of hire can be found on the web site www.bapchildvillagehall.co.uk.

Residents of Bapchild and Tonge can hire the Hall at a reduced rate.

All lettings are subject to approval of the Hall Management Committee.

Main Hall

The Main Hall is 19.2 metres by 10 metres.

The following capacities are guidelines only but represent a realistic number of persons that can be accommodated.

When seating is provided at tables (ie Wedding Breakfast) 160 people.

When used for dancing 200 people.

When used for closely seated audience 160 people.



Currently, there are 24 large folding tables on 2 trolleys and 160 banquet style stacking chairs together with 2 trolleys for moving them. In addition, there are 9 card tables and 8 children's tables with small chairs.

The floor area is marked out with a badminton court.

There are 4 large stage blocks which can be made into a stage for a band or disco.



Antony Room

This is a small meeting room with 2 tables and can seat about 20 people.



It is 6.1 metres by 3.2 metres and can be accessed from the Main Hall and externally from the car park. It can be hired in conjunction with the Main Hall or separately.

Bar Area

The bar area is 5.2 metres x 3.3 metres and is accessed from the Main Hall. It has a counter, sink with hot and cold water, fridge and a separate door to the car park.

Kitchen

The Kitchen is 4.9 metres x 2.7 metres and has a serving hatch to the Main Hall. It also has an external door to the car park.



Equipment includes:

- Plenty of working surfaces.
- Cooker with oven and grill.
- Microwave oven.
- Refrigerator.

- Electric water urn and 2 kettles.
- Sink with hot and cold water.
- Some plastic cutlery.
- Plates, cups and saucers.
- Additional crockery and utensils.

Toilet Facilities

These are located in the entrance hall. The ladies toilet has 3 cubicles and the gent's toilet has 3 urinals and 1 cubicle. There are wash basins in both toilets. There is 1 disabled toilet with a wash basin.

Storage

There is a storage room which can be accessed from the Main Hall and can be used by regular users of the Hall to store equipment.

Lighting

Lighting in the Hall is provided by strip lights mounted on the ceiling. The switches are on the walls.

Heating System

The Hall is heated by a gas fired boiler controlled by a preset time clock and remote thermostats. It can be programmed to meet hirer's needs.

Sound

The Hall has a microphone and speakers which can be hired separately.

Car Parking

The Hall has its own car park. There are 40 spaces plus 2 spaces designated for disabled parking. There is also room for parking in School Lane.

Wheelchair Ramp and Access

The Hall is on the same level as the car park making wheelchair access easy.

Licenses

The Hall is licensed for public entertainment and for alcohol to be sold on the premises. If hirers want alcohol sold at their event, they must contact the Hall's Designated Premises Supervisor. This is David Ansell who is

licensed by Swale Borough Council to sell alcohol in the Hall. A small fee is payable to have a bar selling alcohol. David Ansell's contact details are:

Telephone: 01795 436663

Mobile: 07973 525615

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THE HALL IS A NO SMOKING VENUE

Village Hall Events

The Management Committee of the Hall arrange events throughout the year to raise funds to help maintain the running of the Hall. Details of events can be found on our website.

