

Welcome all to the Village Hall AGM,

Chairman's Report

The Hall continues to be a great venue for village with regular use from villagers including Bowls, Bingo, Friendship Club, Sewing Club, Art Club, RC Car club and many more including the new Exercise classes that are being held here. The Hall is still a popular place for people to come due to the size, Air conditioning and bar facilities. The hiring of the main hall and the events that take place are still the main source of revenue for the building and what keeps this hall going.

The Hall itself continues to age with this year being its 40th birthday. As a result of this M&R is becoming more and more prominent with deteriorating utilities, plumbing work and electrics which all require attention. We recently had to dig up and renew all gas pipework that supplies the hall as a preventative safety measure following new compliance and legislation from the gas companies. Then we had the floor refurbished and treated to maintain and prolong its life and are currently having the roof investigated due to leaks that we have. Moving the hall forward and trying to keep it up to date is vital, as we don't want this to get in a state of disrepair or put potential hirers off. But more importantly we don't want the building to depreciate to a point where it's no longer useable, however all of this comes at some large costs which is why we need the support of the village and other groups within it. The Hall is, and always has been a part of the village and village life so it needs your support more than ever to make sure it remains a central part of the village for now and for the future generations.

The Solar panels have continued to generate a healthy income however with the recent economic situation, like every household the bills continue to rise and unfortunately this is the same here. Without the panels in place, we would be in a much worse position than what we are in. Our next step with this is to get some storage batteries to store electric to be used through the evening

This year we want to see a return of the fireworks, so we are reaching out for help now. The amount of preparation needed and support to cover the areas including BBQ, the field, collection buckets, the bars, marking out the safety zone and the all-important Bonfire itself is great. We need many hands and many people to make sure that this is successful, but we can't do it without help, so if anyone feels you can help to contribute in any way then please let a member of the committee know. Without this support from the village and those key people these events won't happen.

As this is the 40th Anniversary of the hall we will be celebrating this occasion with an event for the village so please if you have any ideas or suggestions let us know.

Any questions?

Treasurers Report

I will now pass you over to Janice our treasurer for her report...

18th May 2023 AGM Village Hall Committee

Any Questions?

Committee Members

This year and just recently the committee has gained four new members however remains the same with the small handful of us we have to try and run and operate the hall. As always, we are always looking for new members to join in assisting us through any help they can give in the operating of the hall.

I would assume that the existing members would resume their roles for another year but will be the first discussion point of our next meeting. Again, if there are any other persons present who wish to help with the running of the hall or to join the committee then please come and speak to one of the committee members after this AGM.

Any questions?

Thanks

I would like to give a special thanks to Margaret Cram, she has been on the committee for many years and took a real responsibility for the hall. For as long as I can remember she has always been an integral part of the hall and its operations along with other village events too. She still is very much a key part of the hall supporting from the side lines, giving the advice and feedback we need and not only me but the committee, the village are so very grateful for this, Thank you.

I must also thank the charities, they have always been a great help and continue to support the village hall, the committee, and the initiatives we set out to complete. Also, there are some key individuals that help maintain the flower tubs, the shrubbery around the tennis courts, and some that have been a key supporting role with any building/maintenance jobs or concerns. Being that support for advice or completing the jobs themselves.

Finally, I need to thank the whole of the Village Hall committee and support staff for the efforts and continued support they have given the Hall and myself. They give up their own time, which for some, is a lot, to help with the running of the hall, especially through the period of Covid and the various things that they undertake, from grounds keeping and maintenance, volunteering on the bar to hanging the decorations up at Christmas and maintaining bookwork and records. Without their support, their help, and the time they give up for this we wouldn't have a hall so thank you.

Thank-you