

This report relates to the activities of the Village Hall Committee and the uses to which the village hall has been put from last year's A.G.M. to the present time. Through the past year Christine Reneuf has been the Chair, Neil Beresford the deputy Chair, David Evans the Treasurer, Joe Davis started the year as the Minutes Secretary but after a number of years on the Committee he resigned in October. Graham Anderson, also having served for a number of years, partly as Vice Chairman, declines to stand for re-election. David Arkley joined as the representative of the Parish Council. Barbara Lowesmith is the TAA rep and Tina Morland is still the TYP rep. I have continued in my role as Secretary and Bookings Secretary. We have a young man, Chris Smith, who will move onto the Committee to replace Joe but having said that, there is always work to do and anyone not already involved with the running of the hall will be warmly received, and probably given a job.

During the past 12 months the Committee met six times, once face to face and five times via Zoom. Due to various levels of covid the hall was occasionally taken into use as an extension of the coffee shop. As things settled down, hall activities started to build up again from May onwards. As of this present time virtually all regular hall users are back and we have hosted 4 weddings, 6 private parties and 4 groups of campers. The Brownies and Youth Group are back whilst taking various breaks for holidays and the TAA have put on concerts and one talk. At the first signs of covid receding I had significant concerns that people would not return to their pre covid activities but I have been pleasantly surprised to see that every earlier class or session are now meeting again.

The biggest single issue to engage the committee was the preparatory work going into the conversion of the old public toilet block into an extension of the hall, that space to be used up by further facilities for the coffee shop and extended storage space for the hall. On going maintenance work has been carried out, particularly to resolve a problem of a leaking roof now, hopefully, sealed. Occasionally hall supporters met to tackle issues such as keeping the car park tidy, cleaning parts of the main hall that the cleaners would not be expected to reach and other minor upgrades and improvements. Speaking of hall supporters, there are a number who regularly turn out to make things tick, if I start to name names I am bound to forget someone so I will refrain from that but have to thank John Knifton and Craig Beaty as being a constant source of support and practical help.

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