

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH HALL AGM

The Committee met at the Parish Hall on 12th May 2014, for the Annual General Meeting. We were pleased to see a member of the public.

Chairman's Report: Bob Filmer said that the fundraising events for 2013/14 had been very successful. Jay Jerome was very good. The monthly Bazaars are still very popular. The sun had shone on the Fête and lots of people attended. The Hall Committee had worked together with the Flower show committee to jointly put on this event. Music on the Green featured Sodzlaw and it was well attended. The Open Gardens Teas, this is now a joint fundraising event with the Guides and Brownies, and this draws a lot of people to the village. The Harvest Supper was again a success. The BAD Actors played to full houses both nights. Another joint venture was the Asian Gourmet evening, which was held in conjunction with the Parish Reserve Fund. Those who attended this event were treated to some excellent Asian food, prepared by Mango Hub, followed by a cabaret. The 60s/70s Night was a great evening. The Cheddar Male Choir sang to a packed Parish Hall and the profit from the ticket sales and raffle was for the Blood Bikes.

During the preceding 12 months, the outside of the Hall has been repainted, dado rails installed in the Nuttall and Jubilee Rooms, with the Nuttall Room redecorated. Energy saving lighting installed in the Nuttall Room. A donation was given to help with the costs of producing the village booklet. Various items of equipment have been purchased including Toaster, Kettle, Hoover, etc. The hall has changed its utility supplies to Utility Warehouse helping to reduce those costs and has introduced Broadband to the Hall. Finally, the Toilets and Lobby have just been redecorated!

Treasurer's Report: John Page reiterated that it had been another successful year. The Jubilee Room is now fully operation. JP displayed the accounts on the overhead projector. Expenses are up on previous year, but this is to be expected as items increase in price. Insurance premium is down on previous year, as in 2012 extra insurance needed for builders of the Jubilee Room. The cost of maintenance is up, but included redecorating and new lighting as reported earlier.

Booking Secretary's Report: Jenny Butters said the Hall is a very popular venue. There are seventeen regular users of Main Hall and six regular users of Jubilee Room. The hiring income was up on last year. A couple of regular users have been lost, but two new users have started using the Hall. Jubilee Room usage is growing. There are already bookings for the end of 2014 and 2015. Increasing hiring fees was mentioned, but it was decided that this should be considered for next year.

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