

BRENT KNOLL PARISH HALL

REPORT for 2013

During 2013 our accounts were back to a more normal state after the building of the Jubilee Room the previous year. There was, however, one carry over, in that the retainer held after completion was now handed to the builder. The room has provided an excellent addition to our service offerings and is being well used. This has been helped by the installation of an overhead projector, screen and interface panel which have proven very popular.

Revenues from hiring the hall were higher than the previous year, mainly due to the additional rental from the Jubilee Room. The actual figure is around 25% up on the previous year. Currently it appears that this figure is holding up well in 2014. Our fund raising increased again, with around 2/3rds coming from our three major events: the Fete, the 100 Club and the Bazaars. With a number of additional events and equally good rewards for the other regular events, we were more than 10% up on the previous year. Donations were down because last year saw major grants for the new building, though the £1000 from Sedgemoor District Council, obtained last year for the projector, was now spent.

Expenditure on basics rose, largely due to decoration of the Nuttall Room and the installation of LED lighting, which has been useful in cutting costs as well as better visibility. In spite of increases in costs by the electricity and gas suppliers we managed to lower their charges, helped by some warmer (if wetter) weather. Hiring revenue did not fully cover basic costs, once again, but, if the Nuttall Room costs are omitted it would be around £1500 in hand. Fund Raising more than covered the repayments to the Charity Bank and we were able to pay an extra £2500 and still have a surplus on this account.

We show an excess of Income over Expenditure of over £3,000, but this does not include the capital repayments to the Charity Bank of £7084. Given the extra expenditures mentioned above, however, this is another successful year and our bank balances remain healthy.

Thank you to all who helped to achieve such an excellent record.