

Chairman's Report

Events

I begin with a brief resume of the past year events.

At the end of June, the usual Wilstone Fete and Dog Show was replaced with an alternative and joint - Open Village event. This opened up the heart of the village (by closing the road) and gave greater inclusion of the Open Gardens, Allotments, Village Shop, and Half Moon. The risk of hosting such an event was underwritten by the Village Hall and any surplus funds were divided between local groups and charities. The financial report will illustrate the costs involved and recovery to a cost neutral position.

The film night season started again in October running through to April with the monthly events and following the established and popular format. Once again a varied number of films that managed to appeal to all. Unfortunately, it was with great sadness that our projectionist (Richard Fields) of 12 years passed away. His funeral was attended by Peter Walker and the WV Hall made a donation to charity of £100. We are still looking for a suitable and alternative solution to keep this event going. However, with consistent attendance, a competitive price, and help from friends of the village, we are confident things will continue.

Barn Dance – Organised by John and Amanda @ No.10 Chapel Fields and thanks to them for a £115 donation to the hall.

April - After a long break, we also manage to get "Elvis" to make another resurrection!

Finance

The finances are in good order and funds continue to be received from hiring and other events.

Regular bookings that bring in a stable income to pay the overheads and many thanks to Tony the bookings secretary for managing this area and coordinating such things.

There are still sufficient funds to maintain and improve the Village Hall and hopefully with sufficient reserve funds in case of any unforeseen circumstance.

Maintenance and up keep

This year, as with many other years the hall has needed some maintenance or repair.

All this takes effort and dedication and I would like to thank all those concerned who have given their time and effort over the last year. I would like to make specific reference to Colin for always being in attendance and supporting the hall whenever the need arises. Also to Bella for regularly cleaning the hall.

This year we have manage to avoid spending significant amounts of money and have recovered from making improvements to the Ladies, Unisex, and Disabled toilets as well as the store and electrics.

With a donation from TRPC we were able to locate the defib outside the Village Hall and increase its access to all.

We haven't always held a Committee meeting every month (due to other commitments) but we have managed (just) to keep things going.

But we can say steady progress has been made when comparing the beginning with the end of the year.

It remains for me to thank each and every person of the Committee:

Special thanks must extend to Neil for being Treasurer and Jude for being Secretary. Colin for doing his magic at the hall, and Tony for managing the bookings. Jill and Diana for bringing events and activities together (such as the Open Village and Film Night). I also have to say a big thankyou to Peter Walker who is extremely active and supportive of the Committee but is not a member.

That concludes the Chairman's Report.