

Kilve Village Hall

Report to Parish Meeting 17 April 2014

The last twelve months have been another busy and successful year for the village hall. There have been some significant changes to the committee throughout the last year as Pat Woolley and Kevin Rogers resigned at the last AGM and we were joined by two new members Alan Keen and Shirley Dixon. Alan Keen and Ween Cullimore stood down earlier this year. Alan, as Parish Council representative, was replaced by Elizabeth Grigg. We are also pleased to say that Sheila Pickering has volunteered to fill the vacancy left by Ween. All those who serve on the committee put in a great deal of time and effort, but special thanks should go to Ween, who worked very hard on behalf of the hall to run the 100 club. Ed Heather has now taken on this role, which helps bring in vital income to help with the running costs of the hall.

We are now moving into another period of change as Brenda and Mac McLeod are retiring from the committee at the AGM. Between them they have given approx. 50 years' service to the village hall as Bookings secretary and Treasurer respectively, and they will be very much missed. On behalf of Village Hall committees past and present, and the wider village community, we would like to thank them wholeheartedly for their tremendous dedication and hard work. Our Village Hall AGM is on Saturday 26th April so the new committee will be voted in then. Subject to this election it is envisaged that Kelly Stone will take on the role of Booking Secretary and Shirley Dixon will become Treasurer. We thank them for volunteering to take on these posts.

Refurbishments and Improvements

A lot of work has taken place over the last year. The hall clock has been fitted with a battery back-up system and now keeps excellent time. The roof has been repaired after several roof tiles were dislodged and some damage suffered during the bad weather. A replacement coin meter has been fitted to operate the supplementary wall heaters in the main hall, after the old one failed. Much new equipment has been installed in the hall over the last year. New low energy wall heaters have been fitted in both Gents and Ladies Toilets and these facilities are much more comfortable as a result. Cigarette bins have been fitted at the front and rear of the hall. A wall safe has been installed for sound equipment. An extractor fan has been fitted in the kitchen. A new storage cupboard has been fitted to the Denovan room. Most significantly the two biggest projects have been the Kilve Jubilee Garden which is almost complete (it just needs planting, walls painting and a plaque to be erected), and the Solar Panels which are now generating both power and income for the hall. Both large projects have attracted grant funding and support from local organisations and individuals, for which we are very grateful. There are a few individuals who have worked exceptionally hard on these projects in both the planning and execution stages. The garden steering group are Pat Woolley, Shirley Dixon, Bette Gill, Claire Heather, Margaret Morse and Alison Eyley. They, and a band of wonderful volunteers have worked very hard to make the garden a success and it is nearly there! The Solar Panel project has been managed by Shirley Dixon with support from other members of the hall committee. Hall users will benefit for decades from the financial savings the panels will bring.

Regular Activities

The Lunch club continues to be very successful. Its success is attributable to the fantastic group of volunteer cooks and staff who cheerfully serve up wonderful food once a month all year round. We have an attendance of 20-25 people who enjoy a main meal, dessert and tea or coffee for the princely sum of £5. Whilst the club is non-profit making, any surplus income is spent on kitchen equipment or goes back into the general hall fund.

The monthly coffee morning continues to be a success with a regular attendance of around 30 - 40 people. Margaret Morse runs the community stall and 10% of takings go back into hall funds. The 100 club draw takes

place and is the highlight of the morning. This is an opportunity for people to meet and to obtain tickets for village events. The village agent Yvonne Bulman attends regularly to ensure those in need of help have a point of contact.

Social Events

We held a successful Quiz in September, run again by Chris Martin, and a film night in November; however these were preceded by the cancellation of two events due to low ticket sales: a Quiz in April and a film night in June. Our Take Art events, Hunting the Giant's Daughter by Adverse Camber in October, and Yer Tiz by Nick White in March were well supported by the village and raised much needed funds for the Solar Panel project. We held a village Christmas Party in December, which was great fun for those that attended. Our latest event was early this month. The 'Swing into Spring' Dance, with music by The Night Owls was attended by some Kilve residents and many from outside the village, who dressed in vintage gear and brought a party atmosphere to the event. Again advance ticket sales were very slow, and had we not been fully committed to hiring the band we would probably have cancelled. Last minute and 'on door' sales saved the day and a healthy income was generated in the end from the 45 people who came to this fun event.

The committee have a few weeks before our next fundraising event, which is a film night showing Philomena on 3rd July. We still have the finishing of the garden project to do, and this will be followed by a grand opening, planned for Saturday 31st May.

Hall Users

The hall is used regularly by groups and organisations such as the Parish Council, Short Mat Bowls, Pilates, WI, Sugarcraft, Mothers Union and Craft Club. We have also been a successful venue for events, such as the Parish Church Council Lent Lunch, and the Cricket Club Race Night, as well as private birthday parties, including Phyllis Lemon's 90th last year and small wedding receptions. We would like to increase the number of bookings by local residents and organisations as that is what the hall is there for. More bookings would bring in much needed revenue.

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all Kilve residents for their continued support, whether it is through their membership of the 100 club, attending events (including the upcoming AGM on 26th April), volunteering in the garden or at lunch club, or indeed being members of the committee itself. The Village Hall is available to all and is a vital asset at the heart of our community.

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