

Kilve Village Hall (KVH) has had another busy year. Committee members and associated volunteers continue to work hard to maintain the building, raise funds and run events. The coffee morning on May 27th this year is preceded by our AGM at 10am, which elects 4 members of the management committee. The Parish Council and all regular user groups have the opportunity to have a rep on the hall committee and are invited to inform us of their nominations before the AGM.

Since the Parish Assembly meeting in 2016 we have completed a Lottery funded project for new chairs and portable stage lighting, as well as children's chairs and play table. The Lottery allowed us to use the under-spend as a contribution towards the new fire doors. We have continued our programme of building maintenance, including the installation of a new urinal flushing system with funding from Kilve Parish Council. New dimmable low energy lighting has been installed in the main hall. A new LED PIR light has also been installed at the rear door. The solar panel installation has completed a third year of generation, continuing to offset our electricity usage and provides an income of approx. £500 per year. We are still on target to recoup the Village Hall share of the solar power investment (£2759) by 2019.

We continue to produce a welcome pack for people who move to the village. To do this successfully, we rely on people telling us when they have new neighbours. The feedback is that this pack is very useful and that it encourages new residents to participate in social events at the hall. The monthly coffee morning provides an opportunity for people to socialise as well as get tickets for events and 100 club membership. The 100 Club continues to be a vital part of our funding strategy. Film night remains a regular feature of the calendar, though numbers attending are not as high as we would hope, but over the year remains just profitable. The lunch club continues to hold monthly lunches for local residents, with an average attendance of 21. The Christmas lunch proves especially popular. Whilst lunch club is not intended to be a fundraiser as such, the excess funds from lunch club make an important contribution to funds.

There have been a number of social events in the hall over the last year, including a wine tasting in April, The Quantock Musical Theatre company concert in June and The Queen's 90th birthday celebration also in June. We held a second pumpkin carving competition in October, the annual quiz in November and a Christmas party with the live band *Route 66* in December. Apart from the Christmas party the other events proved very popular and hopefully will be repeated this year. The Christmas party was poorly supported with only 30 people attending, which was disappointing, as the pub was still closed so we had envisaged a bigger demand for tickets. At this point in time, based on the downward trend in ticket sales year on year, it is unlikely that KVH will organise a Christmas Party again this year. Once again the highlight in the year since the last assembly is undoubtedly the March Madness show held on March 4th 2017. Involving many talented people from the village this fantastic event provides an evening of unrivalled entertainment whilst also raising money for the hall.

KVH is pleased that the regular groups such as Pilates, Short Mat Bowls, KCC, Mother's Union & WI continue to use the hall, although we were disappointed that Yoga classes have stopped. Funding from the Health and Wellbeing fund enabled us to equip and run three Coffee & Kids sessions for families in the holidays. We had between 6 and 14 people at each session. KVH has joined up with Stogursey Victory Hall and Holford Village hall for a Lottery funded SHAKE (Stogursey Holford and Kilve Engagement) project to improve access to activities in the local area. KVH has hosted various taster sessions including: Mummy and Me music group, Tai Chi, Art Class with Alison Jacobs, Willow Weaving, Funky Fitness and Zing Somerset Healthy Weight Group. Tai Chi has been an outstanding success, with regular classes continuing on Mondays. The Willow Weaving was also a success and more classes are expected later this year. The SHAKE project has also funded Governance and IT training for committee members and a laptop and an ink-efficient printer for each village hall.

In January 2017 the hall premises licence was amended in order to enable the sale of alcohol. The costs were partially offset by an anonymous donation prompted by the temporary closure of the pub. Claire Walton is the licence holder. Private hirers may apply to use the licence subject to committee approval.

All these activities go to show how the KVH committee is determined, with help from the Parish Council and other grant bodies, to provide a facility that is well maintained and relevant to the whole community.

We use Parish notice boards, Kilve News, Kilve Stores and Facebook to communicate hall activities to the village and further afield. Looking to the future KVH will continue to facilitate the private hire of the hall, organise regular social activities and most importantly, maintain the building. The electricity consumer units and outside lighting are next on the list to be improved and we are also investigating the possibility of a dishwasher for the kitchen.

Finally, KVH management committee would like to thank Kilve Parish Council, Kilve News, St Mary's PCC, Kilve Stores and the villagers of Kilve for their ongoing support. Thank you.