

BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE CHAIR AT THE AGM 4th OCTOBER 23

Welcome to our AGM

It is a pleasure to report that matters are now fully back to normal after the disruption of covid in fact the hall is busier than it was before the covid.

Bookings are strong with several regular users and new ones which is helping us to achieve a reasonable financial situation, in times when all utilities cost are increasing, we did make the decision recently to make a small increase in our hirer rates, the increases were modest and in keeping with other quality village halls and we thank all who support the hall by hiring or attending the various events we put on and it because of this support we are making good progress on our maintenance program, and in time we can think about some upgrades to enhance the building .

We are very fortunate to have a very good team of people from committee members to Friends of the hall who are all volunteers and give up their free time to make this village hall work , It is because of them we have been able to put on many fundraising events.

Events

It was a slow start from last October but for most of the year we have been busy with the Kings Coronation, Family Evenings, Quiz Night, Bingo and Skittles, Curry Night, BBQs, a Camp night and more recently we have held nine Social Evenings encouraging residents to come for a chat and drink and of course there are the coffee mornings and Market Days.

We have coming on 14 th Oct a joint event with Beaford tennis club a Fun Race night, followed by Guy Fawkes / Halloween Night and of course more Social Evenings

We have already secured our entertainment for next year's important DD event More Ideas are welcome.

Doorstep Green

Some hedge laying has taken place and the Orchard Apples have been used made into juice Arranged by Ellie and more hedge laying is booked.

The Stone structures have been refurbished with some alterations to make more sense and use of them , they were becoming worse for ware and not helped by some vandalism.

We need to replace the single gate post, Remove the broken five bar gate and put up post and rail to match the existing, which will still able people to see the view over,

Some fencing by the tennis courts are to be replaced,

You will have noticed we have installed a shed to store the rubbish containers ect

And keep the entrance to the hall looking tidy
The postman has a letterbox for our post.

Rather than have signs warning people of uneven ground it would be nice to deal with the problem, in due course.

The Hall Exterior

We are to commence redecorating of the front walls on the Saturday 21st Help is needed please, we have repaired the windows and decorated them ready, bacon roll and tea free.

Maintenance in General

I have a separate list for this , Kevin and Sam , Jo and myself have already been working away at the list, more assistance always welcomed.
So all in all looking pretty good as far as the Village Hall goes.

The Village Hall is a great resource for our village and people regularly comment that it is one of the nicest halls around in a wonderful setting and of course those views of Dartmoor I say lucky us.

I thank the hirers, users, the committee and volunteers for which it makes it all possible to keep the Village Hall running.

Thank You

Chair. Beaford Village Hall Committee