

## **UTKINTON VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018.**

The Annual income for the Hall was £5,888 of which £550 was from donations. Two of the Hall's main sources of income are The Garden Fete and The Quiz Night, and it is hoped this will continue as without it the hall would be unsustainable, unless other income sources can be found.

The operation cost for The Hall were £5010. Thus, the hall generated a small contribution of £878, and this can be put to any improvements that are supported.

The Balance in the bank account at the end of December was £4772.

There were concerns over the Hall Water supply raised by the supplying Company It had been taken that the hall roof run off water went into the Drains and thus incurred a charge. This is not the case as the roof water runs to ground. This matter has now been resolved after much effort and lime. The Hall is not charged for roof run off.

This year marked a milestone as regards The Garden Fete. Richard Francis who has Chaired the Garden Fete Organising Committee for 23 years, has decided to pass this Role on. This has been a great achievement by Richard. Through the Efforts of Richard, supported by the committee, the Garden Fete has always been a success and is a major event in Village Life. We all owe Richard our, thanks for a job well done. So can we all thank Richard. A round of Applause would be appreciated. Thank you Richard.

The Village Hall is very active in the Garden Fate by covering. The Refreshments, which are excellent. The organisation of the Raffle, Stewards for The Car park at Tirley Garth and taking tile entrance money. The supply of Hall tables and Chairs. The Insurance cover for the day. The erection of Notices/ Signs Advertising the Event.

A Number of improvements to the hall have taken place in 2018, which have been paid out of hall funds. These have been the complete inside decoration. The tidying and shelving of the store room by Margaret and Liz. The installation of a new fire exit door. The pruning of the outside Rhododendrons, by Margaret, Liz and Kathy. The restoning of the area between the fencing and the hall. The replacement of the old sink boiler in the kitchen.

The Hall roof has bad leaking problems, and can I thank David Woodward for sorting these. A new hall hoover has been donated by Margaret Bowers. The Hall has been gifted two outside stone troughs, by Bob Higgins, and we thank him for these. Kathy has agreed to plant them up and to look after them. They do add to the hall well-being and welcome you as you make your way to the hall entrance.

Can I thank all who have supported and help with the hall during 2018. Not least the regular Clubs that use the hall each week and St Paul's school.

A review of the monthly hall cleaning programme has taken place with the cleaning contractor. The fees for this work has been held for five years and it will now be increased from £48 to £60 a month.

The Grounds and the Tennis court have been kept in shape by a Local resident. However, this was not possible in 2018 and the hall had this done by a local contractor. It is hoped that we can now have these matters attended to as before. Cost here plays a major factor. The last time the Tennis court was cleaned by an outside contractor it cost £450. It was you recall was not a very good job. The Fees for membership of the Tennis Club and Sports court were for 2018 £275. A membership of eleven family memberships. So fees paid do not cover maintenance of the court. To reline the court one is looking at £600.

The Hall continues to be used by The Parish Council for meeting every second month. It will be used this year on May 6" for local CW & C local Elections.

The Hall continues to be in good shape and is a good asset for the village.

For the Future, The Management team is, for want of a better term, not getting any younger. Some may feel that circumstances may make it that they may need to stand down. The Hall needs to seek new members to The Committee, so its place is ensured for the future. So, if any of you know who would like to play a part in Village life in helping with the hall, please encourage them.

The Hall is a WI hall and the WI is always keen to increase its membership.

The Hall must have a Chair and Treasurer in order to function as a legal Charity. If these positions

are not filled then the Hall cannot function as a legal Operation and would have to close. This is a point to bear in mind for the future.

That ends the report for 2018. Can I thank you all for attending this meeting.

Graham Stewart, Chair of The Management Committee and Hall Treasurer, 2018.