

Wickham Skeith Village Hall Management Committee.

Report to PC May 2017 - Chairman's Report.

Highlights of the year were a profitable Fete, raising £1520, led by Katie Durrant, Jos Bryant Margaret Jones – Evans and their team. A Harvest Horkey, aided by Mike Blair in the kitchen, with entertainment by Simon Pyke and Claire Stuart, a well attended Curry night, the popular Plum pudding walk and a November Fayre run by Verity, Jocelyn and helpers.

In addition the garage sales; set up by Margaret Horne, the Produce Show run by the Gardening Club principals - Rosie Bassett and Carol Goldsworthy and the Children's Halloween Party organised by Caz and Katie have all brought people into the hall. We have had six Pub Nights, which included the table tennis tournament, the quiz, a curry night and barbeques.

Money from the 49 club was used to buy the new chairs that you see in the hall. This is a valuable fund raiser. There are spare slots in it now as the numbers have been increased to 59, so we hope to find more people to fill them.

Harriet worked hard on our Lottery grant application to improve the other side of the Hall. This was successful and our team with local contractors spent most of March in the Hall. The Lobby and the kitchen were also painted and the screen doors are now running smoothly. My thanks must go to Dave, Kevin, Leigh and Jos for all the hard work that has gone into it. I did receive a complaint after the election last week – it was too hot in here!

Andrew Stringer was able to find us funds from the District Council locality budget to purchase a new range cooker which was installed in May. With the improvements made in the last two years we would like to improve the Hall lettings.

The Parish Council, with assistance from District council have installed fast WIFI into the Hall which means we will be able to screen live events here. Initially we tried a showing of the Grand National which was a great success and intend to try the Last Night of The Proms and the Remembrance Service from the Albert Hall.

My thanks to all who have helped, in particular Kevin running the bar and a special mention to Dave Challenor who has kept the maintenance up to a very high standard. I want to thank Denise Alexander, our caretaker and bookings secretary, Jocelyn Bryant (minute secretary) Dave Mugglestone our treasurer and all the committee for their hard work during the year. We still need help through the year and will not be afraid to ask for it.

Nigel Merriam