

Wickham Skeith Village Hall Management Committee

2018 - Chairman's Report.

Highlight of the year was a very profitable Fete, raising £2100, led by Katie Durrant and her team. This group has promised to manage one more Fete (23rd June), though I fear it could be the last Grimmer Fete!

Margaret Horne once again organized the Garage Sales whilst the committee served up bacon rolls for the hungry customers. Margaret was also a great help in setting up the November Craft Fair, which saw 10 stalls in the hall. The annual Produce Show run by the Gardening Club principals - Rosie Bassett and Carol Goldsworthy and the Children's Halloween Party organised by Denise, Caz and Katie have all brought masses of both adults and children into the hall.

We have had four Pub Nights, which included the quiz, table tennis tournament and the barbeque. In addition we had the bar open for the screening of the Grand National and also the Last Night of the Proms from the Albert Hall, thanks to the Parish Council funding the Broadband WIFI into the Hall.

Since last year's AGM we have completed the improvements to the hall and the decoration of the kitchen and lobby. My thanks must go to Dave, Kevin, Leigh and Jos for all the hard that went into the project. At the 2014 AGM I reported that we would be looking into making the hall a cleaner and warmer place. I think everyone now appreciates the improvements made in the last two years although it was not a popular decision with everybody. There were over 60 people in the hall enjoying the convivial atmosphere of a quiz in aid of the church improvements fund. It was a freezing night with snow falling and you would not have known it! I think we have a lot to be proud of.

It is worth remembering that the Hall is still used regularly and at no charge for wakes of Wickham Skeith people. The Church also use it extensively at a minimal hire rate. However the bills have to be paid and they do not get any smaller. My commitment this year is to re-launch the 59 club and publicise the Hall for hiring.

My thanks to all who have helped, in particular Kevin, running the bar and 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 (secretary) and Harriet Bowes our Treasurer.

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