

Wickham Skeith Village Hall Management Committee Report

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Chairman's Report

Having established a new Committee last year, it has been hard work picking up the pieces and moving forward.

A new Fete Committee was formed under the vibrant leadership of Joy Homan and with only a short time available they came up with an eventful programme for the occasion.

Dan Poulter, our constituency MP, opened the Fete and except for a couple of showers, the afternoon went brilliantly. A good profit was made and everyone went home having enjoyed a good day.

With the exception of one poorly attended pub night, all the other events throughout the year were well attended and ran at a profit. The "Open Mike" night was a new venture and those few brave enough to sing were well received. Other organized events included a Karaoke evening, the Harvest Horkey, The Quiz, The Plum Pudding Walk and a very popular Children's Halloween Party.

Sheila Hempstead and her helpers raised over £500 at the November Faire, though the Jumble Sale was less successful due to clashing with others locally. A change of date has been proposed for this year.

Laura and Joy both stood down at the AGM so still more Committee Members are desperately needed. We now have to pull people in to help on an ad hoc basis at each event we have.

The Committee are currently concerned about the high running costs of the hall. To run the hall (that is just water, electric, insurance, maintenance and caretaker) costs £410 per month! We are looking at reducing these costs, hence any new development is still on hold.

I must thank Trina Gowing who has been our caretaker and bookings secretary, although we are pleased that a volunteer has come forward to take over that job.

Nigel and Ann West continue to run the bar with for which we are grateful. Kevin Knights is now qualified to run the bar.

I want to thank our Secretary, Annie Matthews, and our Treasurer, Margaret Horne, both of whom have indicated that they will give up their roles in February.

Finally, everyone who has helped over the year from busy Committee Members, to fete stall holders, to hirers and also those who lend a hand whenever we need them.

Nigel Merriam