

AGM Report Westbere Village Hall, Wednesday 1st May 2019

April 2018 – May 2019

This past 12 months has seen the village Hall continuing to provide a service for the village. There has been a steady use of the hall and this has seen our income increase. Last year I reported that Pre-school have increased their usage of the hall and this has continued, providing more flexibility and an increase in numbers.

Regular bookings of the hall include the Wednesday evening dance class, where numbers are regularly between 7 and 10, Thursday evening Yoga where the numbers have increased, sometimes as many as 18 in the hall. Jo also offers Yoga on a Tuesday evening, this class being transferred from Herne Village Hall. The art class is also a regular booking. There have been a number of private bookings and Steff has managed these without any problems being reported. Well Done. Our income for bookings has been £6665

In early spring all the windows were replaced at a cost of £3540 with total expenditure on repairs maintenance being £4390. The replacement windows have made a difference to the appearance of the hall.

Our income this year has been £9522.42 and expenses £5456.05 giving a net a profit of £2116.37, with £1950 being designated for repairs and maintenance. We currently have a balance of £9022.63. We had another successful Xmas lunch raising £656 and the quiz night raised £333. The successful 100Club raised £680. We also took £105 on the Tombola at the Village Green Party.

It has been suggested that we offer Wifi and the Parish Council have agreed to oversee this. The Westbere Preservation Society held an Abba Night to raise funds for this, giving a profit of £135. Reviewing notes from last year where it was stated that we don't have a TV license, we are reminded that it is illegal to broadcast anything connected with TV. This must be considered when Wifi is being used.

The shrubbery at the entrance to the hall has been worked and plants planted. It is hoped that these will provide colour in the summer month. Steff and Malindi have done the work. Thank you.

I would just like to add my thanks to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that the hall runs smoothly. Without Sue the hall wouldn't provide the facility that it does, thank you Sue. Thank you to Steff for continuing to manage the bookings and Freda as Social Secretary. We all know how vital the Village Hall is within the community and we are grateful for the small number of villagers who support the Hall and attend the regular events.