

Village Hall Report

The village hall continues to flourish and despite the village population being small the hall continues to be hired on a regular basis.

In fact, with what we all hope will be a temporary closure of the pub, the hall's relevance is greater than ever. The RLSC have held a number of events in the hall which would traditionally have been held in the pub, and all have seemed well attended.

Other regular users of the hall are the Parish Council, The Church, the W.I., but the prize for best hirer goes to Ashendon Voices who hire the hall nearly every week. As a result of the extra rental income, our treasurer reported a small annual profit of £406.

The hire charges for the hall we keep at a very low level, this to encourage as much use as possible. At our AGM we reviewed our charges and raised them pretty much in line with inflation, but they still remain remarkable value for money.

For village organisations the charge is £17 per session

Private parties for residents: £36

Private parties for non-residents: £50

To help keep our charges low, we usually hold an annual fund-raising event. However, we had to cancel last October's Quiz night as we were unable to sell enough tickets. This year we have decided not to hold an event, partly in light of last year's disappointment but also our funds are in a healthy state at present. Projects in hand are to have the hall redecorated to keep it spic and span and to invest in some new small tables, the present ones having been in use for approximately 50 years.

On behalf of all the hall trustees, may I thank all those who use the hall and help keep this vital village asset thriving.

Richard Bates

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