

Eynsham Annual Parish Meeting 26 April 2016

EYNESHAM VILLAGE HALL REPORT – 2015/16

The past year, since the last AGM, has been marred by the unfortunate early retirement of our caretaker Ken Grant. Ken was planning to retire at the end of last June, but shortly before then he suffered an accident followed immediately by a stroke and has been incapacitated ever since. Our current caretaker David Syphas, who we had already appointed to take over from Ken, was therefore able to take up his post early. Our thanks and thoughts are with Ken and his family.

Apart from this, the year has been a success although with ever-increasing running and maintenance costs it is difficult to get the balance right between hire charges, which are virtually our sole source of income, and our outgoings. Our new hire rates for non-regular users came into effect in August 2014 and much smaller increases for our regular users were imposed from Spring last year. We are intending to do the same again this year with the regular users.

Bookings generally don't appear to have reduced as a result of the increased charges and the Village Hall as a whole continues to be well used by a very wide range of hirers.

We have carried out a number of improvements over the year which can be briefly summarised as follows:

- The disabled parking spaces and cross-hatching have been repainted and an A-frame 'No Parking' sign has been purchased to try and deter other parking in the forecourt.
- We are now licensed by PRS (Performing Rights Society) and PPL (Phonographic Performance Ltd) for playing recorded music and lyrics.
- Online banking has now been introduced by our Treasurer.
- Hooks have been fitted around the perimeter of the Small Hall for users to attach decorations to.
- A small tree has been removed in the forecourt on the advice of arboriculturists.
- We had a professional valuation carried out on the building for insurance purposes and then negotiated with specialist village hall insurance companies to achieve a saving of around £1,500 p.a. on our premium.

In addition to the above items, we have fixed a permanent plaque adjacent to the main entrance in memory of our late Chairman, Dr Fred Wright, in appreciation of the work he did in helping to create the Village Hall and then managing it for many years. The plaque was unveiled on 12 February by Prime Minister David Cameron. We were also very grateful to Fred's family who donated more than £2,000 to the village hall from the sale of house contents.

The Committee has decided to go ahead with replacing the cooker in the kitchen which has been the subject of many complaints over the years. It is hoped to carry out some alterations to the worktop and cupboards to allow a new commercial cooker to be installed later this Spring. It will also require a new gas main to be installed around the perimeter of the building from the plant room.

The annual Community Day which has been held in the Village Hall has for the past few years, was originated and then organised each year by PCSO Helen Keen. It has become a successful and well attended day but Helen has decided to step down. The Management Committee has agreed to take it on and the event will be held on Saturday 18 June.

Finally, my thanks to all the Committee for their contributions towards the running of the Village Hall, and especially to our voluntary secretary Eve Hollis, and our part-time staff, booking clerk Rachel Cassar (née Budd) and caretaker David Syphas.

ROY WILKINSON

Chairman VHMC – April 2016

**Eynsham Village Hall Income and Expenditure Account
1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015**

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Item	Income	2014 - 2015	2013 - 2014
R1	Bookings, rents (including deposits)	£34,945.12	£31,920.85
R2	Donations	£2,175.45	Nil
R3	Bank Interest Received	£14.63	£17.21
R4	Total Receipts	£37,135.20	£31,938.06
Expenditure			
E1	Deposits refunded	£550.00	£1,800.00
E2	Bank charges and refused cheques	£50.00	Nil
E3	Work invoices	£10,219.99	£10,935.00
E4	Work expenses	£1,726.67	£1,424.68
E5	Insurance	£3,080.35	£4,238.53
E6	Utilities: Gas	£4,826.46	£6,120.68
E7	Electricity	£1,228.01	£1,618.30
E8	Water	£1,140.62	£1,200.50
E9	BT	£413.46	£342.90
E10	Alarms/extinguishers	£211.48	£933.07
E11	WODC rates and waste	£1,486.19	£1,462.50
E12	New audio system	£6,221.12	Nil
E13	Maintenance & repairs:		
E14	Lights, electricity	£831.30	£1,190.64
E15	Boilers, plumbing	£1,660.84	£2,237.02
E16	Other running costs	<u>£2,707.44</u>	<u>£2,349.35</u>
E17	Total Expenditure	£36,353.93	£35,853.17
B1	Excess of income over expenditure	£781.27	-£3,915.11
B2	Balance from previous year	<u>£30,579.06</u>	<u>£34,494.17</u>
B3	Year total in hand	£31,360.33	£30,579.06
	Balance at HSBC current account	£5,295.86	£34.53
	Less cheques still to be presented	£205.31	£300.00
	Deposit account	<u>£25,859.16</u>	<u>£30,844.53</u>
	Total	£31,360.33	£30,579.06

These accounts will be reviewed by the auditor shortly