

## Great Easton Village Hall Chairman's Report - March 2018

It has been another successful year for the village hall, with further improvements implemented in the hall specifically the hall floor refurbishment and the new chairs.

I would like to thank the committee for their continued hard work and commitment in helping to organise and run our events and in keeping the hall in good running order. I would also like to extend my thanks to Flick for continuing to organise the 100 club, which continues provide a valuable boost to our income.

We continued with a smaller number of events this year as our rental income remains healthy and it is still tricky to predict the popularity of events, although our recent Quiz & Chips continues to be a firm favourite and Andy's Antarctic Adventure was a great success. Looking forward to this year, we plan to run another Sing Along film night, there will be an event to commemorate the end of World War I and Mark Howson is dipping his toe into the world of live music promotion with two gigs booked in all ready.

We have lost three groups this year: the Garden Society, Whist Club & Vinyasa Flow Yoga and although we have not had any new groups start, private bookings continue to be a valuable source of income and the improvements to the hall are supporting this.

This Christmas, the committee hand made the Christmas decorations for the hall and these were much appreciated by hall users. We will endeavour to do the same again next Christmas.

The recent change in use and fencing of the paddock behind the hall continue to be a concern. We have raised this with the Parrish Council and the issue is currently in their hands.

This year we plan to refurbish the stage area, including lighting and sound and replace the fire doors in the bar area. We will also work with the Parish Council to look at the possible options for an archive room, either as part of the hall or elsewhere in the village.

Finally, I would like to thank Cath & Bill for continuing to provide and maintain the hanging baskets, Mark & Diane Howson at the shop for the help with ticket sales and the generous donations from:

- Margaret Stamp from the sale of the Great Easton Calendars
- Cath Lupton from the Line Dancing group
- Roger & Pam Armstrong from the Whist Club
- Sue Smith and the Gardening Society
- Alan Wilmer
- The Maude Elkington Trust
- Jane Boulter
- Gill Christie and Opera Minima
- Sue Johnson