

## Great Easton Village Hall Chairman's Report - March 2019

We have had another good year for the village hall, with further improvements to the facilities, specifically the new PA system and stage light, as well as the replacement of the Fire Doors in the bar area.

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.

This year, we didn't hold any fund raising events for the village, as our rental income continues to be healthy. Looking forward to this year, we plan to arrange a table top sale and hold another of Andy & Alice's popular quizzes. It is also great to see Mark Howson's music promotion venture being well supported and Mark is planning further gigs for this year.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Flick for her work organising the 100 club for the past few years. Flick has now passed this onto Alice who will be managing this valuable boost to our income.

Our regular group bookings have remained unchanged this year and the private bookings continue to be a valuable source of income.

For Christmas, the committee again used the hand made decorations from the previous year (with a few running repairs). We will review what we do for Christmas 2019 later in the year.

The Garden Task Force has been meeting once a month and have kept the garden in good order, with a really good clear out this winter. I would like to thank the members of the Committee, and the regular gardeners, Cath Lupton, Margaret Tyler and Julia Brittain along with additional help from Andy Murdock, David Gibb and Paul Brittain.

The livestock and fencing of the paddock behind the hall continue to be a concern. The Parrish Council are aware of this issue, but we don't expect there to be any changes in the short term.

This year there may be changes to the Church's use of the office space, depending on the reorganisation in the diocese. Whilst we have no further information at the moment, we have agreed to keep the broadband facility in the hall should the Church no longer require the office.

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
- Jane Boulter
- Gill Christie and Opera Minima
- Sue Johnson