

BURTON OVERY VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 27th April 2017

Chairman's Report for Year Ending 31st March 2017

Overview

Reserves stand at a very healthy £35,782. This reflects the grant of £10000 received from the Lottery Fund and which has not yet been utilised. Without that we made a surplus for the year of £5461 against £3860 last year. It is pleasing to see that we are in a good position financially ahead of what could be a couple of high expense years.

2016 Review

As always, no review of a year in the life of the Hall can start without a sincere thank you to those people without whom things would just not happen.

The current Committee runs very efficiently particularly due to the hard work of the various sub-committees which look after a number of areas without all Committee members having to be involved.

Finance

We are once again indebted to Helen Johnson for attending to all the regular financial aspects of running the Hall. Full details are in the Treasurer's report below.

Reserves now stand at £35782 (£24882 in real terms allowing for the Lottery works to be done and the remaining 100 Club prizes to be issued this year).

As we saw last year this appears to be a lot of cash but a full discussion will need to take place in the coming months to prioritise our spending over the next 2/3 years. Projects include:

- 1 Redesign the garden and entrance area to make access easier by removing the steps and re-covering of the BP Room floor after storm-proofing the external door by building a drain outside. This is the project for which the grant was received from the Lottery Fund. The project will remove the tree from the front of the hall which makes the entrance area dangerous. We will then close off the current steps and recreate a wide entrance to the right of the Hall with wider, shallower steps and an access ramp.

This will also include the widening of the inner entrance doorway to ease wheelchair access.

2 Sanding and re-sealing of the Hall floor.

3 Replacement of the flat roof over the reception hall, kitchen and toilets. This is now past its sell by date and will be replaced by a plastic based longer lasting material when necessary. Two experts have however told us that the work is not yet essential.

4 A full professional re-painting of the Hall interior which has not been redecorated in the 15 years since the rebuilding to probably include the replacement of the canopy.

5 Various improvement projects in the kitchen and for improved storage facilities.

A financial report is required to be forwarded to the Charities Commission.

Committee Membership

After appealing for younger members we are encouraged that Sarah Cripps, Kate Goddard and Caroline Ramsey have requested to join the Committee.

Thanks also to Jane Chandler for her tremendously successful Christmas lunch which last Christmas broke all records; to the secretarial support of Joan Stephens and to our Kitchen "monitors", Joan Stephens, Norma Hillas and Adele Walls.

Bookings

Sincere thanks to Norma Hillas for managing this important area. We are constantly reviewing our bookings pricing to ensure that we can maintain our income levels. If we increase our prices too much then we do see a fall off in casual bookings.

Events

Once again I find myself reflecting on the fact that support from villagers for organised events can sometimes be disappointing. The New Year's Eve event for instance attracted only 16 villagers with friends of those villagers attending making it a more successful event than it may have been.

Likewise some of our quarterly quizzes have more "outsiders" present than villagers!

The only reversal of this trend has been reflected in the Cinema nights organised by Sally Muir. Perhaps we need to look at more imaginative activities to attract local support as it is the funds generated from these activities which enable us to maintain the quality of this super asset.

Thanks go to our very organised quiz-masters Barbara Lloyd and Carl Ollsen who continue the tradition of enjoyable and informative evenings.

The Village Show was again very successful and well organised by Graham Thompson and his team.

The Hall continues to form a significant element of the annual Christmas Tree Festival and thanks go to Daisy Fawcett for her hard work in ensuring that Fair continues to be an attraction.

Hall Maintenance

We once again thank Nick Jones for his contribution to the daily maintenance of the Hall. It is a significant structure and there are always issues to attend to.

Conclusion

The Hall continues to be managed well by this enthusiastic team who are encouraged to get extra help. One of the benefits of new faces in a mature Committee should be the introduction of new ideas to stimulate the activities in the Hall and to protect the future of this super asset.

Arthur Buckley April 2017

		Apr 16 to Mar 17	Apr 15 to Mar 16	Var	% var
	Opening Balance	22321.47			
Receipts					
Lettings					
	B O D	842.50	720.00	122.50	17%
	Ladies Badminton	312.00	420.00	-108.00	-26%
	W.I.	56.00	105.50	-49.50	-47%
	Sundry Lettings	2988.50	2843.50	145.00	5%
	BOPS	54.00	54.00	0.00	0%
		4253.00	4143.00	110.00	3%
Fund Raising					
	Village Show	350.00	400.00	-50.00	-13%
	Shows	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Balls	1093.23	1710.17	-616.94	-36%
	Film Nights	61.18	0.00	61.18	
	Quizzes	369.40	200.10	169.30	85%
	Christmas Lunch	424.50	210.51	213.99	102%
	Festival	2000.00	2000.00	0.00	0%
	100 club	1296.00	1114.00	182.00	16%
	Interest	101.29	80.17	21.12	26%
	Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Donations/Grants	10000.00	250.00	9,750.00	3900%
		15695.60	5964.95	9,730.65	163%
Total Receipts		19948.60	10107.95	9,840.65	97%
Payments					
	Water	498.27	190.23	-308.04	162%
	Gas	405.38	591.67	186.29	-31%
	Electricity	325.71	401.44	75.73	-19%
	Insurance	729.08	719.99	-9.09	1%
	Misc	512.63	374.81	-137.82	37%
	Maintenance	540.25	1933.87	1,393.62	-72%
	Cleaning	1287.04	1798.56	511.52	-28%
	Fire Check	57.00	95.20	38.20	-40%
	Music Licence	132.04	142.06	10.02	-7%
	Consultant	2000.00	0.00	-2,000.00	
Total Payments		6487.40	6247.83	-239.57	4%
	Surplus/(deficit)	13461.20	3860.12	9,601.08	249%
	Closing Balance	35782.67			
	Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Lloyds Current Acc	25580.30	12220.39	13,359.91	109%
	MHBS	10202.37	10101.08	101.29	1%
	Total	35782.67	22321.47	13,461.20	60%

Notes to 2016/7 Accounts

- Note 1 Lottery Grant to be spent this year
- Note 2 Average water bill over last 8 years is £531. Underpaid DD last year.
- Note 3 Last quarter bill of £182 brings comparative gas to £588 v £591 last year
- Note 4 Last quarter bill of £107 brings comparative electricity to £403 v £401 last year
- Note 5 Incl Laminator £59, Booking Forms £88, Christmas Lights £124, Cones £87, Green Bin charge £40.
- Note 6 Professional advice