

## **WAR MEMORIAL HALL REPORT for Annual Parish Meeting (May 2024)**

### **OVERVIEW**

- **Increased usage over the past 12 months from villagers and external bookings**
- **More regulars using the hall.**
- **Various improvements to the facilities in and around the hall**
- **A hard-working group of volunteers and supporters now in place**

### **FACILITY**

#### **Urgent work needed to maintain the integrity of the building.**

- **Roof repairs / roof vent – Main building**
- **Guttering and fascia boards repaired.**
- **Electrical repairs**
  - o Alarms
  - o Internal lights
  - o Outdoor shed
  - o Dehumidifiers
- **Roof repairs – Summer House**

#### **Additional work needed to enhance the building.**

- **Upgrade of kitchen**
- **Upgrade of sound system**
- **Garden maintenance**
- **Re-sanded and sealed main hall floor**

### **PROVISION & USAGE**

#### **Regular groups**

##### **Weekly**

- **Boot camp fitness group (12 regulars)**
- **Crafty Ladies (12 regulars / larger group for some activities i.e. wreath making (sold out last year 40 people)**
- **Mother and Toddlers (25 toddlers – highest ever) plus parents / carers**

##### **Fortnightly**

- **Sunday Stokers (8+)**

##### **Monthly**

- **Cinema night – (20 plus in April and growing month by month)**

#### **Community events**

- **Polling station**
- **Remembrance service**
- **Coronations**
- **Duck race**
- **Senior Citizen meals**
- **Free usage for 3 charity events in the last 12 months**
- **Families using wildlife area / book swap**

### **Collaborative events**

- Events group
- PTA

### **Private Hire**

- Wakes (space provided) FOC
- Parties
- Local groups (hired at cost)

### **FINACIALS**

- Stable position
- Enough reserves enough to cover predictable overheads.
- Trying to keep hire costs down to be competitive but obviously overheads increasing YoY.
- Will ideally need extra funding to assist the major facilities repairs and upgrades needed.
- Reliant on volunteers to 'staff' events and to 'caretake' the hall

### **SUMMARY**

- An increasing well used village asset which we all need to support in order for it to remain viable.
- Would love to co-ordinate a village events diary with other groups so that we can collaborate better and work in alignment.
- Gratitude for the loyal hard-working committee and for the support from the friends of the hall group that support and run community events.