



## 5 Village Hall Rota

October	Ian & Priscilla Macrae	January	Mark Tibbenham
November	Jude Farrell	February	Vanessa Simmons
December	Janine Eves	March	Siobhan Evans

## 6 Village Hall Maintenance

- Water leak from boiler flue – Dave has carried out a very effective repair at no cost.
- Gents toilet – a more serious water leak was discovered, with rainwater coming in onto the fusebox in the Gents. This was caused by blocked gutters and cracked flashing. Once again, Dave has carried out an effective repair of the flashing, cleaned out the guttering and downpipes and installed hedgehog gutter brushes on all sides.
- Oven – there was much discussion about the oven and whether it needs to be replaced. Although the heat settings have been checked against an oven thermometer, when using the oven to reheat items for events, the food is very easily burnt unless great care is taken. Before going to the expense of replacing the oven, it was agreed to take careful note of problems when preparing food for the quiz night to see if we can shed more light on the reason for the problem.
- Chippings - the existing pile of gravel chippings has now increased in size, as the opportunity arose to buy inexpensive sweepings during recent road works in the area. Ian will ask Mike Gooderham to spread some of the chippings sparingly on the car park and the rest to be stored as a thick layer on the area between the hall and the road.
- Shed – the existing shed is in very poor condition and needs urgent attention. Discussion centred on the choice between carrying out fairly costly repairs or demolition and replacement with a smaller shed, possibly relocating it behind the oil tank. Such an option would also give us the opportunity to consider an extension to the kitchen to create a much needed bar area for the hall. It was agreed to investigate the cost of a new shed and, if the cost is less than £1,000, we should go ahead. Dave will also investigate costs for a shipping container. It was agreed, however, regardless of the final decision, that the existing contents of the shed need to be examined and unwanted items removed.
- Entrance to the hall – Vanessa Simmons pointed out that the approach to the hall looks shabby and uninviting when visitors are faced with a row of dustbins. It was agreed that a working group to plant up the area and create a screen to hide the bins would be organized in the spring.
- Dave mentioned that some of the electrical items at the hall are due for another six monthly PAT test.
- Jude Farrell asked whether it would be possible to review the lighting in the hall so that the atmosphere could be varied depending on the event being held. It was agreed to ask Peter Tyler and Mick Farrell to see what arrangements are in place at other halls in the area. Dave requested that any new lighting scheme be comprised of LED bulbs.

## 7 Review of Events

- Summer Dance, 25<sup>th</sup> July – this was another successful and enjoyable event, well attended and which made a profit of £244.
- Village Dog Show 13th September – this event proved very popular and well attended despite the weather, making a profit of £329. Feedback from those attending suggests that there is an appetite for an annual dog show at around the same time of year. It was decided that for future events, sponsors should be given plenty of fliers in advance, and that there should be more classes. Dave has kindly volunteered to supply rosettes for the next show.

- Film Night 18<sup>th</sup> September “Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” – a profit of £129.35 was made with 42 people in attendance. Dave commented that he thought the sound quality was excellent. Janine Eves mentioned that she has heard complaints that the seating layout can impede a view of the screen. It was thought that perhaps we might be able to stagger the seats in future.

8 Future Fundraising Events

- Film Nights 16<sup>th</sup> October “Far From The Madding Crowd”, 20<sup>th</sup> November “Mr. Holmes” and 21<sup>st</sup> November “Inside Out”, a film screening for families. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> will also see an open house screening of music related films. The first film of the New Year is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- Quiz Night 23rd October – Jonathan Eves has agreed to be the new question master and plans are underway for a fresh approach to this fun quiz. A meeting to discuss catering will be held at Priscilla Macrae’s house on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Siobhan Evans will put out a call to ask other villagers for help in providing the catering. Mark Tibbenham will supply raffle prizes.
- Christmas Fayre 14<sup>th</sup> November – it is expected that this will follow a similar format to last year with a craft stall, festive produce, tombola, books, raffle and possibly plants. The event will also comprise a coffee morning. Priscilla understands that there may also be one or two individuals interested in renting tables for the sale of their own work. Donations of items for sale as well as cakes and biscuits for the coffee morning will be much appreciated. Siobhan will soon notify trustees of a date to hold a crafting day at her house in advance.

9 Any other business

There was none

Date of next Meeting:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (includes AGM)

Meeting closed 9.32pm

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NOTE: There was no discussion under Future Fundraising Events regarding a jumble sale, but a date has subsequently been decided upon for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.