

# SHUTTINGTON & ALVECOTE PARISH HALL AGM 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Welcome and thank you to those present for attending our Annual General Meeting for 2022.

Since the lifting of COVID restrictions the Village Hall Committee have strived to maintain the upkeep of the hall and ensure that the hall is of the standard expected by our hirers, including maintenance and cleanliness.

The VH continues to be used with regular, weekly bookings from NRG Dance Group, Whippet Club, Archery Club, Musicians, Yoga Classes, Dog Training Club, Parish Council Meetings etc, and the ever popular Coffee Mornings held monthly.

The kitchen refurb, which was being undertaken at the time of our last AGM, has since been completed and as such has enhanced the appeal of the hall with the addition of a new worktops, a range cooker and new crockery.

Plans to upgrade the rear “changing room” areas is still in the pipeline, subject to funding being obtained. This project is always under review by the forward thinking committee.

With regard to hirers of the hall I would confirm that the hall has no evening vacancies for hire during the week, at the present time. Weekend day hires are taken during most Saturdays and occasional Sunday afternoon hires. These hires are from regular repeat hirers namely Dance Group, Yoga classes, Dog training club, Archery club, Whippet racing club and Musicians. All of these groups were regular hirers prior to the lockdown and continue to be regular hirers.

The monthly Coffee Mornings, which are held the first Monday of each month, continue to be well supported from within the village and surrounding areas of Alvecote, Austrey, Newton Regis and Amington and are enjoyed by all. The social aspect of the coffee mornings is very much appreciated by the patrons. The coffee mornings are arranged and hosted by Margaret Frost, Cynthia and Kelvin Simpson, Judith Tattersall and gratefully assisted by Brian Fletcher in the table and chair settings out and clearing after the event. Not to mention the kind donation of homemade cakes by various villagers. It is at this point I would also like to thank the following for their efforts, support and continued input to help maintain our lovely village hall :-

### **Committee members:-**

Chair – Sam Hall

Vice Chair - Brian Frost

Booking Secretary - Margaret Frost

Adrian Hall

Jayne Cooper

Gaynor Barber

Sandra Beck

Andrew White

Secretary and Treasurer : Anita Allsopp

Coffee Mornings : Cynthia and Kelvin Simpson

Judith Tattersall

Brian Fletcher

Funding Consultant : Lisa Turner

NWBC Borough Councillors: David and Marian Humphries

Shuttington Parish Council Nigel O'Mara.

Groundsman and Maintenance: Nicholas Thomas

Lisa Turner continues to be a valuable asset helping us to secure funding for future projects. Lisa has been instrumental in obtaining grants which have enabled us to bring the hall up to date, making it warm and inviting and now a popular place for hirers. We are still applying for grants to help with funding as we still have major jobs to do, which include a complete new hall floor continuing through the corridor to the rear door.

I would like to give personal thanks to Brian Frost, who has been instrumental in obtaining quotes for work which has been carried out and has project managed the modernisation of the hall at all times in all areas. Brian is a particularly valued committee member who has gotten the hall to where we are today.

I would also like to thank the PC for the close working relationship with the VH in the upkeep of the field and the surrounding area which we are both fortunate enough to share and is enjoyed by many, including people from outside of the village who regularly use the field to walk their dogs.

Thanks is also given to Nick Thomas for the excellent job that he does on the cutting of the grass and the maintenance work that he has carries out around the grounds etc. His attention to detail has made the Hall and the field an area that the Village can be proud of and wish to use more frequently.

I would also like to thank all committee members and secretary for their tireless commitment to the hall, which is ongoing.

With the continuation of regular hirers, and new enquiries on a weekly basis, the future of the VH is looking good. A village get together was arranged at the end of March which was well attended by villagers and outsiders. The evening was well received and we hope to put on similar events in the future.

The VH are holding a Jubilee Fete on the field and in the hall on Saturday June 4. 2-6pm

The 'Derbyshire Ranters' have been booked for Saturday October 8, tickets will include food. More details will follow later in the year.

A switch on of Christmas Tree Lights is also being planned for early December which will include food, drink and maybe a Christmas bazaar.

Whilst the future is looking bright for our VH, we still have to be mindful of the ever increasing utility costs which we are all affected by. Taking this into account, there will be a very good chance that these increases will have to be passed on to our hirers resulting in the hire rate increasing.

To sum up, despite the difficulties encountered during the past 2 years, the VH is now in a stronger position financially and in a good state of repair with modern interior and fittings of a high standard and looks forward to another year of increased social activity in a venue that the Village can be proud of. This has been achieved thanks to the very hard work of our committee and with the recent addition of new committee members, the future looks positive for our VH.

New committee members are still welcome and new blood would be appreciated to take on the responsibility of maintaining the VH in years to come.

Thanks again  
Sam