

## **Alderholt Village Hall**

**AGM 23 October 2019**

### **Chairman's report at end August 2019**

Management of the Hall has been carried out by an almost entirely new committee over the last year, following the retirement from office of Norman Jones, Chris Fryer, Mike Wheatley and Maria Sulman. Difficulties in finding volunteers willing to participate has meant that the new Committee was initially limited to a core of just 5 officers, now extended to 7. I should like to extend thanks to committee members, past and present, for all their hard work and to the representatives of user groups for their continued support of the Hall.

Norman Jones kindly accepted the nomination as President of the Hall and we are grateful to have the benefit of his long experience in this capacity and for continuing to tend the flower bed planting provided for the Anniversary last year.

Regular groups continue to use the Hall but we were sorry to lose Supertots who have merged with Sunbeams based at St James School. The Hall continues to offer facilities for private hire although bookings have been quiet over the summer. An Entertainments Committee has been active in organising events programmed up to the end of the year. Regrettably a Skittles event had to be cancelled, due to lack of support but the recent Quiz was a great success. The monthly Craft & Produce Fair continues with increased interest from stallholders meaning some are having to be turned away due to lack of space.

The Hall itself requires inevitable on-going minor maintenance but is generally in good order. Maintenance work has included replacement of the external Kitchen door, re-fixing of the baby change table, clearance of drains, replacement of the dishwasher and provision of a new fridge. More major matters such as repairs to the Hall floor which will impact on use of the Hall will be considered over next summer when a number of users groups normally take a break.

Thanks to the team who carry out weekly tests of the fire alarm – Derek Agent and Lin & Paul Lyons – along with myself.

Useful contact has been made with Dorset Community Action for advice on storage of archives and managing personal information under the GDPR. Help has been sought for a volunteer for the role of Treasurer with a possible candidate in view. Jo Greenland has advised of her retirement from this role due to family commitments.

With no major projects in mind at this time there has been no need for specific fundraising but an application will be made to the Alderholt Community Fund for support for new projection equipment to improve facilities for speakers and extend the potential use of the Hall.

We are looking forward to another active year and encourage the community to support events in the Hall which is the best reward for all the organisational effort these require. Thanks to you all for your support.

Richard Wood, Chairman of Alderholt Village Hall Management Committee.