

Walberswick Village Hall Management Committee.**Chairman's Report.**

28th February 2017.

Premises and Equipment.

New Notice Boards are now in position either side of the Front Doors and should last for many years .

The present stage in the Hall is limited in size and temporary extensions have frequently been needed to put on pantomimes and plays. The Committee therefore has investigated purchasing a professionally built extension. Demonstrations were given by 3 specialist companies and a made to measure extension was chosen and purchased. It packs away on a trolley and is stored in the room which until recently was used as the doctor's surgery. Parts of the extension can double up as stand alone tables and the extension has already been in use.

Storage of equipment is an on going problem, and the Committee is investigating the construction of an additional storage shed to stand beside the existing shed in the car park.

A small stand alone sound system has been purchased (£157) for use at the Fete Dog Show to replace the old pre war amplification equipment which finally refused to work at the 2016 Fete.

Not much work has had to be done this year on premises but we are investigating a problem of damp in the outside store room by the Front Doors and keeping a watching brief on work which may need to be carried out on the flat roof of the Annexe. We keep a healthy reserve of funds to deal with such eventualities.

Fund Raising

Our Fund Raising sub committee (assisted by extra volunteers as needed, whose input is hugely welcomed) has been as busy as usual , raising £1650 from the Summer Holiday Bingo Sessions, much appreciated by children and parents alike , and £1,081 from a Vaudeville Evening on 11th February . The wonderful meal which was served at that evening, was entirely prepared by members of the Committee with the help of the extra volunteers and it is on those sort of evenings that our Village Hall really comes into its own.

We are most grateful again for the 50% share of the net proceeds from the Summer Fete,(which we share with the Church) and also for the grant of £ 3,000 from the Walberswick Common Lands Charity.

Personnel

Vivien Hunt having taken over as Hon Sec from Betsy Lemmon and been joined on the Committee by Lavinia Penrhys-Evans and Robin Buncombe, two further new Committee Members also joined at the start of this 12 month period. Fiona Hosea, who immediately rolled up her sleeves on the Fund Raising sub committee and Michael Stannard who joined the Premises and Maintenance sub committee .

New Constitution.

Our old 1969 Constitution is in a form now obsolete. It refers to old laws now updated and its Property Schedule is out of date. Peter Byrne , with members , past and present of the Committee has been working on this and a new deed, specifically for the running of community buildings, and in a form agreed between Community Action Suffolk, and the Charity Commission and on which we have taken legal advice, is now being put forward for adoption. We are most grateful to Peter and his team for all the hard work done on this project.

Clive Brynley-Jones.