

PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2012

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year has been the busiest I can remember, although I admit I cannot go back as far as most of the Committee. Perhaps the most significant event was the securing of Lottery Funding to improve the village hall to ensure it can be used all the year round and not just in the summer. The process of applying for funding entailed an incredible amount of time drafting and re-drafting the application. Ann Sayer volunteered to take this on and without her sterling effort we would not have received a grant of £10,000.

Given the age of the hall, our priority was to insulate the ceiling and walls and replace the floor. The first two were fairly straightforward but the floor proved more problematical. When first laid there was a spring in the floor, so much so we could have hosted trampoline classes without purchasing any equipment! Thankfully, the floor has settled (we hope for good) and Ralph Calver who undertook all the building work is monitoring the floor in conjunction with the suppliers.

The Committee also agreed it was time to update the kitchen. Terry Rowles volunteered to fit the kitchen and I visited B&Q on numerous occasions to witness at first hand Terry's negotiating and bartering talent. As a result of Terry's efforts we now have a kitchen to be proud of.

We continue to host a number of fund raising events and the hall is used by numerous diverse groups. We have had a couple of break-ins but thankfully there has been no significant damage. We are looking at ways to prevent these 'petty' break-ins in the future and have been in discussion with the police to see what is achievable.

A couple of committee members are standing down this year and both of them will be hard to replace. I have already mentioned Ann Sayer and in addition to her efforts securing the Lottery funding she has been the committee secretary and kept us all on track. Mike Manning has been a committee member for many years and his support has been crucial to getting us to where we are today, hopefully, he will continue to help with future events. My sincere thanks go to Ann and Mike and I would also like to give a big thank you to my fellow committee members and others who have made such valuable contributions throughout the year.

OUR village hall is for us all to enjoy and this year we intend to continue to update it as much as we can without losing its unique character.

Thanks

Jim Jarvie

CHAIRMAN