

Sparsholt Memorial Hall – Chair’s Annual Report 2018

It has been another good year for the Hall. Despite falling usage we have invested in some improvements that should stand us in good stead for the future.

During the year we have had a Caretaker (Paula) and Cleaner (Mary) working together well to keep the Hall in good shape and inform the users and the Committee of issues. This has led to an increased cost but we are pleased with the outcome of this new arrangement.

Our regular Hall users continue to be the WI, Pilates, the Parish Council, the Shop, church FOSS, “Messy Church”, Badminton, Fencing and we now also have a Village Cubs group regularly using the Hall. The Brownies still visit and of course the school is our main user and their usage continues to increase. We have hosted many events, including: the Harvest Supper; WI Jumble Sales and “Gardeners’ Question Time”; Xmas Fair; School events as well as the elections in May and Parish Plan proposals and discussion meetings.

The telephone box is in the process of being renovated and we are working with the Shop Committee to ensure that this happens as soon as possible to help enhance the area.

Terry has once again done a great job in keeping on top of the maintenance issues, getting people engaged as necessary to fix and maintain all the areas of the Hall and supervising project work. The replacement of the wall boards with improved Perspex panels has been a highlight this year. Thanks to Marie for continuing to maintain the war memorial for us, which is such an important site for the village.

The Hall is showing a loss this year, mainly due to the increased amount of project and maintenance work undertaken. We have very smart new doors and curtains – many thanks to Wendy and Debbie for organising these and getting the grants to help with the costs. Roger has done a fine job again of keeping us up to date with our income and expenditure.

As always special thanks go to Liz for all her work in keeping an eye on the users and the Hall generally during the year.

Finally, thanks to Sue “Secretary” for her work on the notes and minutes each time we meet and to Hilary for her support on the Committee.

RJS March 2018

 
 

 