

ALDBURY MEMORIAL HALL - ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

SUMMARY

2018 has been an excellent year. The hall has been fully utilised benefitting from the refurbishment in 2017. We have received many compliments on the facility and it has been used for the widest range of clubs, events and celebrations making it a valuable village asset. The committee are to be congratulated on speed to act in resolving requests for hirers and protecting/upgrading the facility whilst keeping good and supportive relationships with each other. We are all volunteers after all and it is important that we all feel it is worthwhile and enjoyable.

ACCOUNTS

2018 has been a successful year for our village hall, with the income from hiring exceeding expenditure by £6,828.87. Thanks to Maria and Sarah (Buttars) for the preparation and review of accounts.

Income in 2018 was £18,181 and an increase over 2017 (£16,758). 2017 was an exceptional year for grants. Whilst 2018 attracted less grants this was counterbalanced by successful hire management. Increased occupancy and retention of a regular weekend hirer (Meet Up – Photographer Adrian) has meant an increase income from hiring of 52%. Thanks to Kate for her excellent management of our hirers.

Expenditure in 2018 was £11,352 of which £5287 is attributed refurbishment costs (including replacement fire door and our lovely new stage storage front doors). Thanks to Tony and Clare for this project.

Fundraising at May Day and the Avengers Club events totalled £1368. We gratefully received Council grants of £600 which contributed to the replacement fire door.

MAINTENANCE

Costs of repair of the heating pipe leak and ingress of water in the end was covered by the insurance claim including costs to repair and refinish the entire block floor in the main hall. The floor would have had to been re-furbished within the next 4-5 years but will now not need doing for 10 years or longer depending on usage. This represents an estimated saving of £1500.

As mentioned previously, the fire door and stage fronts were replaced. Users have been reallocated space under the stage front and the Mem Halls own items been sorted, restored or recycled. Thanks to Kate and Clare.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Our thanks and appreciation was given to Paula Anderson who stood down from the role of Secretary due to her study and Outlook commitments. Paula has been kind enough to continue to support the facebook/webpages and fundraising for May Day as '*a Friend of the Mem Hall*'. Paula will receive a welcome should she wish to return. Thanks also to Paula for introducing Rebecca Halls, who was subsequently elected to be The Secretary.

Our heartfelt thanks to our Volunteers and Hirer's alike who keep the Hall going for current and future generations. Thank you again to Alison Hale for weekly cleans that makes the hall so welcoming for users and about which we get so many lovely comments.

You can see more about the hall and it's usage by going to www.aldburymemorialhall.org or Facebook. For bookings please contacting Kate Carter.

The Trustees of the Charity for the year have been: Maria Mouldsdale (Treasurer), Paula Anderson and then Rebecca Halls (Secretary), Kate Carter (Booking Secretary), Clare Juniper, Tony Tollinton and Jennie Shaw (Chairman).

Jennie Shaw