



## **ALDBURY MEMORIAL HALL – 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **SUMMARY**

The Covid Pandemic has meant that the hall opening has been restricted or closed for much of the year in line with ACRE Guidance. Interpretation of the guidelines has been difficult, and the hall has been made available whenever possible, whilst ensuring that we observe both Legal and Insurer requirements. Thanks to Nick for his patient communication with users during this changeable period.

### **ACCOUNTS**

In 2020 income exceeded expenditure and our reserves remain strong. Thanks to Tony Tollinton for the preparation of the Accounts.

**Income** in 2020 was £15,060 of which £12,028 income has been successfully raised from Country Grant Applications thanks to Clare Juniper. So despite low hiring our income remained strong for 2020.

**Expenditure** in 2020 was £8,047 of which £4,607 was spent mostly on heating system maintenance and boiler replacement.

**Fundraising and planned events.** No Fundraising events took place in 2020. The planned VE day celebration was cancelled. May Fair, the main fundraiser did not proceed either.

### **Banking**

In February 2020 a new Bank Account was opened with Metro Bank to facilitate changes to Trustees and on-line banking, which Nat West could not accommodate. The Nat West account has been run in parallel for one year and will be closed. Bank Transactions can be viewed by the Treasurer, Chair and Booking Secretary. Movement of monies is restricted by our policy to the Treasurer and Chair. Online payment by hirers is the new norm and the need for cash is minimal.

### **MAINTENANCE**

A MagnaClean was added to cleanse the circulating system of debris. Still not functioning fully, the boiler (fitted in 2007) was replaced by a new Veissman Boiler in Aug 2020. A new thermostat was replaced using Wifi and Phone App to allow remote control by the Booking Secretary. This is aimed to provide flexible management and reduced bills. The heating system is now functioning.

### **UTILITIES**

With the help of a broker, our Utilities providers were switched to Commercial Contracts with Dyce(Gas) and British Gas(Electric) for a period of 2 years from September 2020. Smart Meters will be installed as a requirement of these contracts. Erratic meter readings during 2018/19 make it

difficult to compare savings and low usage in 2020/21 mean we may need to be patient to establish good data.

### **BOOKING SYSTEM**

The Hallmaster on line booking system was trialled and although bookings low the license was renewed for 2021. Thanks to Paula initially for evaluating this system and to Nick for getting it working. We are grateful for your expertise.

### **WIFI**

Wifi has been installed to the hall November 2020 and provided by Co-op. We expect this will allow us to attract a wider range of users including potentially some commercial ones. Whilst commercial users may boost income, our core purpose is to provide a facility for the village community. Again our thanks to Nick for making this happen.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Trustees of the Charity for the 2020 year have been: Paula Anderson (Secretary), Rebecca Halls, Kate Carter, Nick de la Bedoyere (Booking Secretary from May 2020), Clare Juniper, Tony Tollinton (Treasurer), Jennie Shaw (Chair), Rose Allen( Caretaker), Debbie O'Neill (Parish Council Rep), Jackie Dyett (Hirer Rep – Lunch Club)

Committing meetings were mostly by Zoom. Fortunately as Committee members live in the village it has been possible to retain a sense of community even though we have not been able to meet. Your continued participation is appreciated.

*Jennie Shaw 1 April 2020*