



## ALDBURY MEMORIAL HALL – 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

### SUMMARY

The hall has been fully utilised. 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.

### ACCOUNTS

2019 has been a successful year for our village hall, with the income (£13,460) exceeding expenditure (£8817) by £4,643. Thanks to Tony Tollinton and Sarah Buttars for the preparation and review of accounts.

#### Banking

It has been our intention to move to on-line banking. We have experienced considerable difficulty navigating Nat West's mandate processes resulting in a complaint. We continued to pursue this ambition with Nat West or an alternative in 2020.

**Income** in 2019 was £13,460. Previous years incomes in 2018 (£18,181) was elevated due to a large payment for a one off hire from a film club of approx £4000. Similarly 2017 income of £16,758 was boosted significantly by a £5,000 Dacorum Grant. 2016 income of £10,607 is a more ordinary comparison for 2019. Thanks to Kate for her excellent management of our hirers. Due to the change in dates of May Day to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2020 and FOAS decision not to lead May Fair, we can anticipate a short fall in income during 2020.

**Expenditure** in 2019 was £8817 with an Insurance Premium of £717 for 2019 carried forward to 2020 as the insurance company had not yet cashed it. We anticipate £2500 expenditure on a boiler replacement in 2020. Thanks to the committee for prudent management of expenditure.

**Fundraising** from May Fair was £1809 which is a great result. Thanks to those on the day. We gratefully received Parish Council grants of £800 set aside for heating system maintenance. The village shop kindly donated £50 from their Christmas raffle.

**Planned events.** In the absence of May Fair 2020, the committee is planning to join a small group of others wanting to organise a small scale, village only celebration of Peace in Europe on VE Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It is likely that a tea dance will be held in the hall however this is unlikely to be for fundraising.

### MAINTENANCE

Maintenance this year has been focussed on replacement of electrical equipment. Hand dryer, hot water boiler in the kitchen. Problems with the heating were finally improved by power flushing the whole system and unblocking the boiler. It is noted that the boiler was fitted in 2007 and we have set aside reserves to replace it. A magniclean component will be fitted early in 2020, to collect any

circulating elements that might otherwise cause blockages in the future. Two industrial fan heaters were purchased to boost heating whilst waiting for repairs.

## **BOOKING SYSTEM**

A trial of the Hallmaster on line booking system will be started during 2020. It's benefits could be acknowledgement of booking conditions, invoicing, out of hours booking requests and ultimately a link to online banking. Paula Anderson and Nick de la Bedoyere plan to evaluate it and make recommendations for the committee. We are grateful for their expertise.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

2019 has seen a number of changes.

Our thanks and appreciation went to Maria Mouldsdale who stood down from the Committee as Treasurer after 14 years service. Tony Tollinton took up this role midway through the year. Rebecca Hall remains a committee member but stood down from the secretary role due to travel commitments. Paula Anderson returned to the committee and resumed the Secretary role. Debbie O'Neill joined the committee and is the parish council representative. Jackie Dyett also joined the committee and represents Thursday's Lunch Club.

Kate Carter tendered her resignation as Booking Secretary giving an appreciated long notice period with a view to exiting by 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020. An advert in November's Outlook attracted interest from two parties both offering distinct and different skills. As a result the Booking Secretary role was split to bookings and caretaking. Appointment of Nick de la Bedoyere a Booking Secretary from May 2020 and Rose Allen as Caretaker) are to be ratified in the Jan 2020 Meeting. Our thanks go to Kate and Scott Carter who have done a fantastic job for more than 6 years. Kate intends to remain on the Committee without office.

Our heartfelt thanks as always goes to our Volunteers, hirer's, partners alike who keep the Hall going for current and future generations. Thanks again to Alison Hale for making the hall so welcoming for users and about which we get so many lovely comments and to Graham Juniper for his continued support.

You can see more about the hall and it's usage by going to [www.aldburymemorialhall.org](http://www.aldburymemorialhall.org) or Facebook. For bookings please contact Kate Carter until May 2020, then Nick de la Bedoyere from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 onwards.

The Trustees of the Charity for the 2019 year have been: Maria Mouldsdale (Treasurer until July 2019), Paula Anderson & Rebecca Halls Kate Carter (Booking Secretary), Clare Juniper, Tony Tollinton (Treasurer from Aug 2019) and Jennie Shaw (Chairman).

*Jennie Shaw Jan 2020*