

Edgmond Village Hall Report

Parish Council Annual Meeting – Monday 9th April 2018

Good Evening.

The past year has been one of gentle but significant change for your village hall. A year ago we were just starting to enjoy the long anticipated improvements and added rooms. The hope being that new users would come forward and the new spaces created would prove popular.

Well use of the village hall has increased markedly. By last summer we were already running at capacity for all existing and new rooms on some evenings.

Of course this means sharing the enlarged space and new and existing users have adapted well to not being on their own.

We are very pleased to see more daytime as opposed to evening only bookings.

The policy has been to let the community decide which parts of the building are best suited to their needs and with that the new kitchen has now become the kitchen of choice.

The old kitchen is still used by some groups and we are considering how the bar and old kitchen might be improved in future including how the space might be re-organised..

Last year our events team started to focus on servicing parties and user events by providing a bar when required. This has worked well. They continue to organise Table Top sales and a small number of entertainment events for the benefit of the village.

Last year finances were healthy but were dependent to some extent on the goodwill of our events team and donations. Over the past year the increased number of bookings and good control of costs has meant that the village hall now generates a surplus on normal activities.

This means that all Events Team surpluses and donations no longer have to cover running costs and can go straight to improvement works.

In the past year we have made improvements to the P.A. System and purchased P.A. equipment for the extension; fitted vertical blinds to the extension; stainless prep/storage unit and prep. fridge for the extension kitchen; fitted fire rated separating door to provide improved sound insulation between old and new halls; fitted sliding acoustic partition between the small and large rooms in the extension.

Levelled the access to the extension and fitted automatic external lights.

A new external power socket and LED lighting to the main hall is about to be installed and a general refurbishment to the main hall is being planned.

In the grounds new bird boxes have been installed, a new tree planted by the W.I. and a new living dinosaur sculpture is being cultivated.

In summary, the Village Hall remains financially secure with good reserves and plenty of improvement still to be done.

We hope to continue to be able to generate surplus funds for improvements in the coming year.

EVHMC offers its grateful thanks to amongst many others, Harper Adams University, HAU Students Union, Edgmond Lion, Edgmond Landscapes, Derek Longstaff.

Our Grounds Team volunteers

Our Events Team volunteers

All the many other contributors in and around Edgmond village.

Our user groups for their continued support.

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