

## **AGM 16 May 2017**

### **Chairs Report**

I am pleased to present my first annual report as Chair of the VH Committee and I must begin by thanking Sue Halstead and all the committee members for their support and guidance this year.

During 2016/17 the Committee met six times. We've had a busy year with lettings, social and fund raising events, maintenance and general upkeep of the Village Hall.

#### **Repairs and Renewals**

We've carried out all essential repairs and renewals:

- The large window in the main hall was replaced as the double glazing seal had blown
- The small ladder was replaced as the old one was rather rickety
- A number of health and safety measures have been taken during the year
  - The large ladder has been secured at the back of the storage cupboard at the side of the stage
  - Two emergency exit break glass key holders have been installed by the doors at the back of the stage and the back door out of the kitchen
  - The table tennis table has been moved to the back of the hall and fixed to the wall. It was too heavy to lift on and off the stage
  - The fire risk assessment is ongoing
- We held a tidy up day in October which was a great success. Nearly 40 residents helped and we:
  - Cleaned all the windows and frames inside and out
  - De-spidered and spring cleaned the disabled loo
  - Painted the handrail to the back door
  - Tidied the car park of weeds and brambles and swept it
  - Weeded the outside including the side garden
  - Tidied up Elsie's garden
  - Painted the benches in the playground with preservative
  - Laid a new path in the playground

- Washed and polished the main hall.

## **Events**

We held a number of social and fundraising events throughout the year.

- Stalls on the Green on Spring Bank Holiday was a great success

The Harvest Supper was a sell out with Adam Collier providing the entertainment. Food was generously made by villagers and finished off at the tidy up day

- Two barn dances were held. Our thanks go to Anne and Richard Abrahall for coming back to run these fun if exhausting events
- Ruth, Keith and Peter Simpson held their Xmas Craft Fayre, which raised funds and got us in the festive mood
- In March Bathsheba and Peter Hartrey presented a slide show taking us one of his treks around Dhaulagiri in the Himalayas. The hall was packed and as well as raising some funds for the Village Hall, the raffle income of £110 (and doubled by Natwest Bank) was sent to the East Africa Famine Appeal
- In mid May we again had a full house for the Library Theatre Touring Companys presentation of two of Alan Bennetts Talking Heads

## **Other Business**

We have a range of activities on the go and so to update you....

- We purchased some additional battery Xmas lights for the trees on the village green. Theyre not the brightest lights but added a little festive cheer to the lovely house lights around the village
- Weve decided to turn the recipe book into a recipe calendar which will also include photographs of Wrelton
- By popular request, the ukulele band have been booked for this years Harvest Supper
- We have some bright new curtains in the downstairs room kindly donated by a villager
- Stalls on the green will take place on spring bank holiday Monday again this year

- The book scheme is just about surviving. £23 was raised for VH funds during the year. Access is proving difficult due to the times the VH is open. The books will hopefully be catalogued and the list put on the website fairly soon.
- The website continues to evolve. We now have a VH booking form on line and are developing a hall inventory and layout for would be hirees
- Working on a number of health and safety guidelines such as fire risk; hall layout; safe storage etc
- The plans to resurface the carpark; point the top of the wall and revamp the porch unfortunately haven't been completed this year. They are a priority for the coming year.

### **In conclusion**

I would like to thank the committee members for their support to me in my first year as chair. Also, for their commitment to keeping the village hall running for the benefit of the Wrelton community. In particular our thanks go to Jackie Anderson who has acted as Treasurer for the past five years and who is standing down from the Committee. However, she has agreed to take over from Maureen Roberts and will check the books for us.

Jan Firth (Chair)

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