**Village Hall Report for Annual Parish Meeting in May 2017**

The year April 2016 to March 2017 has been a busy year for the Trustees of the Hall.

THE BUILDING

As reported last year, funding was being sought for an extension to store equipment and chairs so that the hall could be kept clutter free. We were delighted to be awarded four grants. These were from the Big Lottery Awards for All Fund, the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, Dudgeon Charitable Trust and Shelroy Community Fund. Together this funding has paid for all the building work We are delighted to have the extra space for storage and we have been able to clear and sort out the back of the bar and the shed so that everything is kept in an orderly fashion.

We have also had the floor sanded and 3 coats of hard-wearing varnish have been applied. This should keep the hall floor in good order for several years.

The freezer in the back needs replacing as does the microwave and a grant application has gone in for funding these 2 items.

The benches at the front of the hall have been repaired and moved away from the tree where they were getting covered in pigeon droppings.

Looking to the future, we need to replace the porch on the front of the building.

FINANCES

We are very pleased that income from hall lettings has almost doubled. The table tennis club is very active and brings in a regular income as does the WI. Income from events has also increased.

A detailed analysis of the building was completed for the insurance company and this resulted in an increase in premium but at least we are covered for rebuild costs.

EVENTS

We have continued to try hard to produce a programme of events which will appeal. The monthly afternoon board games club is going from strength to strength and we are indebted to Gill Baguley who has given up an afternoon very month to run an art group. We have continued to put on at least one event monthly – a theatrical production, music events, quizzes talks and meals. In an effort to boost Friday night bar sales we’ve introduced carpet bowls once per month and this is proving to be quite popular.

THANK YOU

The hall would not be able to function without support from the community and on behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone for their continued interest, without which it would not be possible to keep the hall running and up to date. We try to provide a programme of events that will be enjoyable and we are always open to suggestions for future events. The hall belongs to the community and we do like to put on functions that suit a wide range of interests.