

Chairman's Report for the AGM of The Village Hall and Social Club

As we held a very much delayed AGM last September, so there is not very much more to add.

It has been a year of mixed fortunes for the Village Hall. On the one hand the Committee remains very active. However, we have suffered from closures due to Covid, and on the other we have had some very enjoyable events in between times. However, there is a very natural reluctance for some of our older and more vulnerable members to resume mixing in a crowded environment which has led to slightly fewer people attending the events we have been able to organize. The Social Club membership numbers have also dropped a bit, but on the bright side several of the new residents have become regular attendees to various events.

On the financial front, the Hall and Social Club are both well funded, partly due to the government hand-outs. We have been extremely fortunate to benefit from these over the past two years, and have spent some on renovating the entrance lobby and toilet facilities as well as redecorating inside the hall itself, the bar, kitchen and storage areas. We also purchased a marquee recently for use when occasions demand such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Boules Competition etc. The full audited accounts have been distributed for you.

We have re-started the Friday night bar, the weekly Table Tennis evenings and the Games/Art groups on the second Wednesday of each month. A Creative Arts East production was held in March. This was a very poignant event, but was much appreciated by those who attended. Several talks and other social events are being organized to take place during the coming year. The Annual Boules Competition will take place on August 28th and the Produce Show on September 3rd. Details of all forthcoming events will be published in the Newsletter and via leaflets.