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Shalford Village Hall Management Committee ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

Committee Members

Chairman: Colin Golding

Treasurer: Jane Mills

Secretary: Linda Golding

Booking Clerk: Nicola Walton

David Eversden - Andrew Hull - Duggie Turner - Ian Butcher - Pam Lee

Report from the Chairman

I would like to start by thanking the dedicated members of our committee who have given their time not only to attend meetings but who also do invaluable work to upkeep the Village Hall and grounds.

Jane has completed her first year as treasurer and can regularly be seen at the hall making sure rubbish is removed and the premises are clean and tidy.

Nicola has acted as our booking clerk through the year and acts as gate keeper ensuring that the car park is opened in the morning and secure at night. She is also our unofficial “litter picker”.

Linda as our Secretary has kept us up to date with our minutes and agendas and filing official reports such as to the Charities Commission.

Duggie is our unofficial groundsman looking after the cricket square and bringing to our attention issues to do with the playing field and buildings.

Ian has done a lot of work this year overhauling our emergency exit lighting and conducting various safety assessments.

Andrew has acted as our odd-job man doing various repair works.

And I must not forget to thank Lawrence who despite no longer being a member of the Committee continues to give his time free of charge to cut the grass.

Thanks go to the Parish Council for their on going support both in the form of their representative on the Committee; Cllr Dave Eversden, and for the grant they gave us towards the upkeep of the Hall.

This year we have run two successful fund raising events, a Quiz Night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended and our 2011 Fete which had a very good turnout and proved to be quite profitable for us.

The tennis court outside the hall has been refurbished and this was paid for with what is called Section 106 monies which came via Braintree District Council and the Parish Council from the affordable housing development. You will also have seen the small goal nets that were purchased by the Parish Council and have been very popular with the local young footballers.

I would just like to make some comments on the year's finances.

We had an income of £14k and an expenditure of just over £11k so we are solvent. Receipts from letting the Hall was £5.5k and the expenditure was £7k but that did include putting a new roof on the out building which Ian was good enough to organise and oversee.

The receipts from the letting of the playing field was £1.2k and the expenditure was £2.7k but that include £1k which was the cost of MD landscapes cutting the grass around the building and verges. Shalford Football Club and Braintree Cricket Club paid for renovation work to be done on the football pitch and cricket square. However this year we have a potential issue because Braintree Cricket Club stopped using the pitch in the middle of last season and as yet we do not have anyone to use it.

Looking forward, we have purchased a flag pole which will be erected for the Queens Jubilee celebrations and as you would expect we are waving any hire charges for the use of the Hall and grounds for the celebration events.

In terms of future fund raising we are planning a car boot sale and a Halloween disco for the children and adults but we are not planning a fete because we think it will be overkill after the Jubilee event.

Our focus for future fund raising and grant applications is a project to overhaul the roof of the Hall and insulate the underside we then will be able to remove the suspended ceiling and have an attractive vaulted ceiling but we are urgently looking for an architect who can draw up a specification for us so the we can get quotes. We anticipate that it will cost well over £50k which will take us quite a long time to raise but it needs to be done before the roof starts leaking and so we can make the Hall more attractive and hopefully get more lettings as a result.

That concludes my report apart from saying that as always we are desperate for helpers and would welcome new members to the Committee.

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