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Shalford Village Hall Management Committee

Committee Officers

Chairman: Colin Golding

Treasurer: Jane Mills

Secretary: Linda Golding

Booking Clerk: Nicola Walton

Committee Members: Cllr Gillian Askew, Ian Butcher, David Eversden, Duggie Turner

Report from the Chairman:

As always 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. I must not forget to especially thank Lawrence Rawlinson, who despite no longer being on the Committee, continues to give his time free of charge to cut the grass on the playing field and around the Hall.

Thanks must also go to Shalford Parish Council for their continued support, both in the form of their representative on the Committee; Cllr Gillian Askew, and for the grant they gave us towards the upkeep of the Hall.

This year we did not have a village fete but instead supported the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations which were a great success. We were grateful to the Village Jubilee Committee who donated the proceeds from the event to the village hall roof fund. Prior to the event, we erected the new flag pole which proudly flew the Union Jack during the weekend. We also have a Shalford Village flag which we normally fly, and reserve the Union Jack for special nationwide events like the Olympics etc. As a mark of respect, we try to lower the flag to half mast when we know the day a funeral is taking place of one of our villagers, and in this direction, it was fitting that the first person we did this for was Lawrence's brother Peter. We also give the hall facilities free of

charge to the family if they wish to use the hall for refreshments after the service.

In order to try to encourage use the Hall, we decided to arrange a fancy dress Halloween Disco for children from the Village School. For those who did not see it, we decorated the hall with cobwebs, bats, spiders and witches and around 40 children came along. By all the reports they had a great time and we have since had a couple of children's parties booked, so hopefully the parents now know there is a facility here that they can use and we plan to repeat such events in the future for the children. We didn't want to waste the effort put into decorating the hall so we also arranged a Quiz Night in the evening which raised more money for our funds.

Having refurbished the tennis court it was decided we would try to raise some revenue from it to help pay for its upkeep. So we now make a small charge to use the court which can be discounted for the season by joining our Tennis Club.

Looking to the future, we are intending to extend the children's play area and have started to do some essential maintenance work to the hall.

In terms of future events, we are trying a car boot sale in May and arranging a Village Day in June which will center around a cricket tournament, hopefully a hog roast and music in the evening making it a day for the village to have a "get-to-gether".

Recently you should have all received a copy of our Village Questionnaire through your door which asks what people would like to see from their village hall and the findings will be given out at the AGM.

I hope we can look forward to a successful forthcoming year. We would be delighted to welcome new members onto the Committee not only to share the work load but to bring new ideas to the table. Anyone wishing to join should give their details to the Secretary at the end of the.

Colin Golding

Chairman

April 2013

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