

WELBORNE VILLAGE HALL (Registered Charity)

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2016

The Trustees and Friends of Welborne Village Hall have had a busy year. In May 2015 Andrew Edgerton-Smith retired as Chairman at the end of a full term of office. Jackie Cooper and Ann Harvey also resigned due to personal reasons. These positions were filled by Dr Andy Maule as the new Chairman, Sally Bishop and Tina Redshaw as new Trustees on the board. There remains one Trustee position vacant at this time. Tina Redshaw has also recently taken over from Fred Elson, after many years of invaluable input and dedication as the Hall's Letting Co-ordinator.

The activities of the Charity have not changed and remain as such for the coming year, they include 'The maintenance and development of the village hall itself, planning and delivering a programme of events, maximising use of the hall through lettings'.

The 'Events Committee', chaired by Trevor Curson have again this last year, put in tremendous time and effort with an active programme of events which included films, performance events, Christmas Fayre, summer BBQ, and sales. These events were supplemented by outside bookings. The largest fundraiser in June 2015 was the bi-annual Arts Festival which attracted more than 1000 visitors to Welborne. Thanks go to the two organisers Mike Webb and Margaret Boulton and the host of other volunteers that made the event possible.

With the money raised this year we have installed a new digital projection system, we have completely refurbished the kitchen and kitchen facilities. Recognising the importance of maintenance of the Hall as a community facility the Trustees are now also working to a wish-list of ongoing improvements/maintenance that should lead to a continuing increase in the opportunities and experience associated with the Hall. This approach has added importance since we learned in mid 2015 that the Hall now has Grade 11-listed status.