

Annual Parish Meeting – South Cadbury Village Hall update

After 5 successful years, Paul Farrar has stood down as Chair and handed over to James Walker.

The Hall has been used for a variety of regular meetings, including the monthly Village Café, South Cadbury and Sutton Montis Parish Council and the local W.I. The Wyvern Jubilee Morris Dancers holds practice sessions in the hall, there is regular Pilates, other community and charitable events as well as being available to hire for private functions.

It has been a disappointing year for the Hall's finances. Whilst there is no funding emergency, the hall recorded a shortfall of £5,600, largely due to the disappointing weather for the Fete which meant that they only broke even on the main fundraising event of the year. The Committee has already changed strategy for the year ahead by creating more smaller events throughout the year, e.g. the recent 'pop up' pizza with a bar in the Hall at Easter and plant sale in May

During the year, the tireless, dedicated committee has:

- Raised c£7,000 via events and donations
- Continued to publish and deliver door to door a monthly village newsletter;
- Published a village calendar using photographs taken by villagers;
- Continued to run the village 150 Club to raise funds;
- Held regular Coffee Mornings – the Village Café;
- Held a Christmas Carol fund-raising event for the church;
- Worked closely with the Parish Council to help create clear local communications
- Held the annual family Easter Trail;
- Held a Dog Show & Fete, supporting two local charities at the annual Fete, Key4Life who ran their burger van and Help4Homeless who benefited from the crockery smashing.
- Encouraged villagers to keep the village lanes tidy with regular litter picking

Whilst fundraising is key to ensure the hall's self-sufficiency, the Committee believe that events should remain affordable and enjoyable for all the community and therefore are happy to hold events that may make small amounts of money or break even, as long as the community is engaged. The plan is to cover the overheads for the year.

The committee is mindful of the responsibility for the upkeep of the playing fields, grass and hedge cutting, with the Parish Council offering partial financial support that they thank them for. The playing fields are the only local amenity for young people to play and therefore the committee strive to keep the grounds playable in all seasons.

The hall's newsletter is written as a village newsletter not a Village Hall one and they strive to support local businesses such as the Camelot, Chapel Cross Tea Rooms, Teals, North Cadbury Stores, the Church and promote the work of the Parish Council.

The committee is very grateful to the community for its support and for engaging in activities, for their many tombola prize donations and of course for the tireless baking for the Village Café and other events.