

SUTTON MONTIS VILLAGE HALL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 12 MAY 26

The Committee has been able to organise several events throughout the year. In May last year we organised a very successful 1940's themed supper to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, but in the summer months, particularly July and August, we tend not to organise events during the busy holiday period when many families are away. We were going to organise a cream tea party as a 'thank you' to Carole Offley and Anna and Martin Coombs for all their support as Committee Members but their modesty prevailed so we presented them with some gifts of flowers and wine instead. Sadly, Martin has since passed away and our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends. Carole has since moved onto pastures new but still keeps in touch. The Village Hall still supports the local community by lending out trestle tables and chairs for funerals, church events and Friends of Holy Trinity Church at no charge.

In September we were entertained by the Wessex Morris Men who performed in the courtyard of Home Farm kindly hosted by the Tabor family with drinks and snacks being provided. We continue to host coffee mornings with 50% of the proceeds (ie. donations) for the Christmas Coffee and Craft Sale Morning in December being given to the charity *Crisis at Christmas*.

The dawn of 2026 saw us organise a very successful Valentine's Coffee Morning followed in March by our Early Spring Village Litter Pick which fortunately (or unfortunately) resulted in a half a dozen black bags full of litter.

As you may know the Hall floor is in need of repair/renovation and with the help of an architect Ian Pamplin, we have submitted an application to Somerset County Council planning department for Listed Building Consent. We await their decision (due by 11th June) before we can proceed further.

A full list of Hall usage by other users will be provide by the Bookings Secretary.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my fellow Committee members for all their help throughout the last year and welcome their continued support as we strive to make the Hall, once again, a focal point for a variety of community activities.

Thank you.

Philip Scrancher

Chairman

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