

## Report of Farthinghoe Village Hall – year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The committee has continued to enhance the hall as follows :-

- Floor replaced in the kitchen and in the committee room
- Toilet floors also replaced
- Hot water system installation
- Tiling in the kitchen

We have still to do some finishing off in the kitchen including some painting.

Regular hirers now use the hall for approx 42 hours a month (term time), and these hires come close to covering our overheads. One off hires are a mixture from our village and from outside. The hall has been hired for first aid training as well as for rehearsals for a Dramatic Society. We hope that in the future they may also be able to bring their play to us.

Our main costs are the electricity and for cleaning and our electricity contract was up for renewal in February 2023. The initial 'offer' was very high but a second offer at the end of January, took into account the reduction in gas prices and so this has reduced the increase. The committee made the decision to increase the hire costs for non villagers to £18 (one off) and £12.50 regular hirers which will alleviate the heating increase.

The 150/200 club continues to contribute to the Village Hall Funds, but we would love to have new members, or lapsed members back to maximise the monies for the hall. The club year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July so we will be back pestering soon.

Our bank balances remain strong, approx £30k. The funds are held with Lloyds Bank and also now with the Epworth Charity Cash Fund, which at the time of writing, is paying 3.61% interest. All deposits received are held in a separate Lloyds account.

All the village felt the loss of Dave Hancock in November, as did the Village Hall. There isn't really an area of the hall that didn't have his magic touch. It was lovely that Wendy officially opened "Hancock's Bar" at the Valentines Night at the end of February. That event was our first one since Covid and it was a great evening. Run by the Events Committee, they are now going to start work on the Village Show scheduled for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Our AGM will be held in July and the current committee is required to resign and stand for re-election at that meeting. At that meeting a new chair will also be elected.

We are reduced in our numbers on the committee and we love for new people to come and join us. The hall is a fantastic asset to the village and new people and new ideas will help us move even further forward.

If you want more information as to what is involved, please email [treasurer@farthinghoevillagehall.org](mailto:treasurer@farthinghoevillagehall.org) or [bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org](mailto:bookings@farthinghoevillagehall.org)

Finally we thank everyone who has been involved with the running of the hall in the last year, those seen and those unseen. Without you the hall simply couldn't exist.

The Village Hall Committee

