

Report for the Annual Meeting of the Stadhampton Parish Council

On The Village Hall at St John's, 12th May 2015

PROGRESS REPORT

The Village Hall has been operating successfully for 18th months and the working relationship with the Church continues to be good. Any minor issues have been dealt with by speedy and effective communication between both parties.

Kerri Jones is doing a wonderful job of organising bookings and the level of bookings has continued to remain healthy.

In addition to the three times weekly Pilates Classes, a number of new groups have been established and are running successfully:

- The Toddler Group
- The Lunch Club
- The Youth Club
- A Book Club

The WI now meets in the Hall and a new Gardening Group is due to start soon as is a Film Club once the technology in place. The scope of one-off events continues to amaze and this month saw the Village Hall being used as a Polling Station for the Local and National elections.

Last October, the Parish Council kindly paid for the reinforcement of part of the small village green to improve the car parking situation and this has proved to be a great improvement.

New signage to the Village Hall has been erected and a new illuminated Notice Board now has pride of place at the end of the Church drive.

A Broadband connection for wi-fi is almost complete, the external wiring is in place; the router has yet to be fitted.

Sandra Tebby stepped down from the Committee during in August after seeing the Project through from its inception. Pam Caudwell also stepped down from this year. We were pleased to welcome Ken King onto the Village Hall Committee as a new member in September.

FUNDRAISING

Both committees (the Village Hall and the PCC) have worked collaboratively on fundraising throughout the year and have co-ordinated the dates of events with other organisations in the village. A number of "Good Night Outs" have taken place this year and they have all been most enjoyable. We will be planning next year's programme shortly.

Sue White has very kindly donated monies from her Bank Holiday teas and this will go toward the cost of a much needed storage shed. We have had two significant donations from villagers towards the cost of the Audio-visual system which will be installed very soon. The specification is currently out to tender.

The PCC are working on a number of grant applications to fund repair and restoration work needed on the Church fabric. Money is needed for:

- the masonry (on the tower and around the Priest's door);
- the windows;
- the guttering;
- drainage.

SNAGGING

Having had a few problems with the outside lights, a new timer delay switch has been fitted (in the kitchen cupboard).

One snagging issue remains and this is in the process of being resolved - (the electric sockets in the floor need to be made watertight and countersunk to stop them from being a trip hazard).

CLEANING

Cheryl Wilson is doing a fabulous job of organising the fortnightly cleaning rota (although she needs more helpers) and from now on anyone booking the Village Hall for an event on a Saturday evening must also pay a cleaning levy so that it can be cleaned either immediately after the event or early on Sunday morning to ensure the Church is looking its best for the service at 9.30am.

CONCLUSION

It has been a very successful first full year with only minor teething troubles and the Hall continues to impress villagers and visitors alike. We still need to complete our plans by installing an AV system including an induction loop and providing a shed for storage to support the development of new groups and we need to keep a keen eye on running costs. The draughts that blow in through the fragile window frames and some of the doors significantly impede the buildings energy efficiency so we are eager to help the PCC secure funding to rectify these issues to both maintain the building and to keep the running costs as low as possible.

The aim of the Community Building Project was to improve community cohesion so it is a joy to witness the start of so many new activity groups across all the generations and to see the Hall being used for such a wide range of events.

Ann Stead

3rd May 2015

Village Hall at St John's Management Committee Members

Ann Stead, (Chairman)	Melissa Parkes (Parish Council Representative)
Cheryl Wilson (Secretary)	Michael Pawley (Treasurer)
David Fordham	Rosalind Wilson
Ken King	Stephen Dawson (Parochial Church Council Representative)