

The year has been one of returning to normal though tinged with care to recognise that COVID has not gone away. Hand gel remains available but is getting much less use.

Children's parties have returned along with the Footlights' Pantomime in February. There have been and will continue to be more meetings with the Neighbourhood Planning group as they continue the consultations needed. The regulars have continued to use the Hall, Women's Institute, Westbury Society, Hall film showings and a Take Art storytelling, Gardening Club, Parish Council, Table Tennis, Art Group, Wookey Hole Geology Group, a variety of organisations' AGMs, Friendly Society Quiz, Church Christmas market, a wedding reception, a series of lunch time concerts, along with Rosie's Kettlercise classes on Mondays and Thursdays.

70 new chairs have arrived and been appreciated as being more comfortable and matching the curtain colours. Thank you to a kind donor and the support of Hall funds by the Government.

Rosie Webb has continued to keep the Hall neat and tidy – thanks to her for her hard work. With more use the loo cisterns are no longer occasionally overflowing. People are being more adventurous in using the washing up machine but there are some problems related to unfamiliarity with the details of how it works. Try finding the drawer with 36 new mugs in and wash them up using the machine to get used to how to work it. Advice or training is available from Jackie Laws. Bring your own tea towels is helpful. There are three ways of turning off the Hall heating – undesirable in the winter! and all have happened in the last year. Please understand what you are doing when you adjust the system and, in general, the heating should be set for 15°C when the Hall is not in use, and it comes on for a period in the morning and the evening via the control panel.

The servicing of the sound system by Chris Shaw has greatly improved things and the film sound is now working well. Remembering to turn it off after use and not to use the sound box while it is charging are important lessons to be learned for it to stay in good working order.

Tony the Handy Person has repaired and repainted areas of flaking paint within the Hall and is in process of replacing the broken chain for the east window blind.

Since benches are appearing around the Parish should we see if one is available to go outside the Hall entrance door? It might be that Ros Wyke has one in mind.

Finances are in good shape with significant reserves and the hire income is increasing, and just about covers the running costs, so that reserves will continue to be called on for capital items.

Thank you to all the Trustees but particular thanks to Tony Shepherd who has looked after the finances and to Hilary Little who has done the minutes so meticulously.

Peter Bright Chairman of Village Hall Trustees. 16th April 2022.