

Golant Village Hall Management Committee Report for St Sampson's Parish Council AGM – May 2016

Over the past year many positive events and improvements have taken place in, or associated with, the Village Hall. We have seen some events continue, some return and some new ideas. The film showings have continued to provide a nice change of scene for Friday nights and the pop up film was much enjoyed yet again. The Flower and Produce show provided opportunity and challenge for the more green fingered amongst us. The Golant Heritage Group helps others keep their minds healthy and of course the GRADS panto with its mixture of real talent and enthusiasm provides laughs and entertainment for all. One new initiative is to open the hall for an hour on the first Friday of each month for a Book Shelf Bring and Browse, with coffee and chat. There are other events not mentioned, but most importantly the picture seen is that of a thriving Village Hall, providing opportunities for all to get involved.

On to the Hall itself, the building continues to be improved year on year. This year improvements have continued to make it a more inviting venue for a wider attraction. We hardly know ourselves with instant hot water in the kitchen, new flooring in the kitchen and store room, a fresh lick of paint to brighten the hall and the porch-ways and planters on the roadside wall which are filling out nicely to brighten the outside.

The sound system and acoustic panels have both really proved their worth at various events, including the Pop Up Cinema on the Green. The Pantomime certainly benefited from the Hall's new technology and it was noted at the Village Tea, how, despite a full hall, the sound level was quite low and conversation much easier to hear.

And now, with the acquisition of Superfast broadband and a computer, all kinds of opportunities are opening up for new ways of using the hall. The forthcoming "Get Confident on Line", which is free and flexibly open to people's needs, has a good number of participants enrolled.

We still plan to run a First Aid Course in the not too distant future.

We are next turning our attention to improvements to the toilet and kitchen facilities. This will probably be quite a major project and we need to carefully consider how to create a better working space in the kitchen, and toilets to meet current criteria for access for all. At the same time, the main floor is greatly in need of some TLC as the surface is now very worn.

Sue Reardon has stepped down after many dedicated years; she has provided a great link representing our views to the PC and also supporting our various events. We are grateful for her hard work and innovative ideas that she has brought to the hall over her time on the committee. This does mean that we have a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

Debbie Pugh-Jones has taken over the role of treasurer, her first enormous task being to negotiate the many obstacles that the bank insists on putting in the way when attempting to change signatories!

Finally, thank you to all members of the St Sampson Parish Council and parishioners who so generously support all we do.

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