

CUBERT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

For obvious reasons no report was completed for 2020 and I'm sure you all agree, that it is a year we'd rather forget.

However, when we were allowed to open for exercise related classes Tai Chi, Pilates, Yoga, Karate, Short Mat Bowls, Taekwondo and a private dance class took place with very limited numbers and under strict usage rules. Fortunately, Karen's Beauty Tips was also able to operate.

It is fair to say that our domestic, Claire Bradder, was an absolute star and we could not have remained open without her dedication to the job. She had to dress in full PPE garb to fog (disinfect) the building after every class which sometimes meant her turning out late in the evening to be ready for a class the following morning – a **HUGE** thank you goes to her.

The non-running of last year's lottery and the limiting of classes has meant our income has been **severely** reduced. Our Treasurer, Bill Longden has been proactive in applying for and obtaining Government Covid-19 grants during lockdown. Our 2021 aim was to reintroduce the Lottery and, Laura Herman has been an invaluable help in organising and improving this. Sadly she is no longer on the committee and Kath Harrison has taken on the reins again. Please e mail her at k.harrison216@btinternet.com if you would like to be allocated a ticket.

We needed to address the finances situation urgently because we have a much bigger project in hand for the coming year. The grant money received has enabled us to obtain planning permission for two new large block-built storage rooms in the rear car park. The extension, completed a couple of years ago, has proved invaluable, but too small. The building of this new extension will start in October and hopefully be completed by April 2022. Unfortunately, the metal porta cabin that was in the corner of the car park has collapsed. This was being used to house the village Christmas lights and associated equipment all of which is solely for parish fundraising events. Part of one of the store rooms will probably be used by them and the other one can allow us to empty the room off the end of the main hall and use it for other things.

Recently we have had to accept the resignation of our Chairman, Liz Bradder and long term committee member Jane Dearn both of whom have given over 20 years of service to keeping the hall running. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication and passion. Along with them, Laura Herman, a young and much needed new ideas and helper to run the hall finances, has also resigned so we are short on numbers to help run the hall efficiently.

Now that we have been given the go ahead to get a full diary of classes back, please contact our Bookings Secretary Deborah Hopkinson on (01637) **830909** or by e mail to cubertvillagehall@outlook.com There is already a healthy range of bookings in place but as can be seen on the Regular Bookings list in the newsletter, we have room for more especially during the daytime.

Coupled with income from regular bookings, fundraising and Government Covid-19 grant money, we feel confident that the future of the hall is secure. It was originally built by parishioners for the use of the parish and we must **ALL** play a part in keeping it going or we will lose it.