

Braunston and Brooke Village Hall AGM 18th March 2024

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Braunston and Brooke Village Hall. This last year has been a good year and we have had good utilisation of the Hall.

The 2023 May Fayre clashed with the King's coronation and we had to cancel it. However, preparation is in hand for the May Fayre this year to be held on Monday 6th May.

The Street Party for King Charles' Coronation was a great success and with the Advent Fayre and two successful quizzes this resulted in a substantial financial contribution for the Village Hall and the Church.

The Village Hall has held bi-monthly meetings in accordance with Charity Commission Guidelines, which ensure the safety of the Hall and that it is used for a variety of purposes for the community. However, it is my hope to expand the usage with more direct involvement of villagers in the choice of what it is used for.

On a lighter note the source of the rather unpleasant odour around the weir from time to time was shown to not be associated with the Village Hall and has resulted in a general move to improve the quality of the water in the Gwash.

A proposal to enhance the appearance of the Village Hall from the road is being considered.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Allen our Bookings and Events Secretary for all enthusiasm and hard work.

The building has been kept under the watchful eye of Jim Atack and Stuart Oldham and I would like to thank them both.

Jon Butler is doing an excellent job having taken over from me as Safety Officer, so thank you very much.

Mike Fagan continues to keep our finances in order and Carol Brown looks after the flat tenancy aspects.

Suzanne deals with the minutes very efficiently and Janet keeps the website up to date – not to mention her role compiling the village newsletter.

There are other Trustees I haven't mentioned by name but your contributions are very much appreciated and make my job so much easier.

So thank you all

John Harry

Chairman

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