

PARISH HALL REPORT 2023

The Parish Hall has been run by a small committee comprising:

Audrey Deeley [Treasurer], Lynne Harper, Christine Massey, Robert Cornford, Simon Turner, and Joan Packer [Booking Secretary].

As previously reported the Parish Council are in the process of leasing the hall. A problem has been that the hall energy rating was too low, so the only apparent way to progress was to have an 'Agreement to lease' until the 'E' rating could be improved. This has caused the 'grant raising' group many problems, as many sources are not willing to support an 'Agreement to lease', However, during the year the rules were amended, and the hall gained an 'E' rating which enables more access to grants.

Towards the end of the year the full lease was approved and should be signed early in 2024. Thank you to all those who have put energy into achieving this and we hope that serious monies can be raised and the refurbishment carried out on the well loved building.

In spite of it's condition the hall continues to be well used, although due to the fact that it is not pristine, charges have not been raised, even though all other service costs have risen dramatically. Consequently the running costs are only just being covered at present.

I would like to thank all those who look after the hall, in particular Mary Brydon who cleans and replaces toiletries. Also to David Brind who although has now had to give up due to other commitments, has for some years voluntarily mown the grass.

I would also like to thank all hirers, many who have used the hall for a number of years, and hope they will continue to support it when refurbished.

As this is the last report to be filed by the sub committee of St. Mary's Church, I wish the Parish Council every success with the future management of this well loved building.

Joan Packer

Hon Booking Sec.

31.3.24