

PARISH MEETING REPORT

28th April 2016

Kettleburgh Village Hall

Generally speaking, Annual Reports can be broken down into three parts - Personalities, Problems & Profit.

So dealing with the first - Personalities

Annette Hulme joined the committee at the beginning of 2015 and very bravely agreed to take overall responsibility for the organisation of the Fete - thank you Annette, it was a great success and we hope it will continue in your safe hands for the future.

Sadly, in August Tony Murphy died so we lost a valuable member of our committee and a dedicated caretaker – I'm please to say that Caroline Shilton has taken on both those roles and all is going well.

Problems

Well not too bad really, we took the decision to move the Christmas Tree nearer the road and I think this was generally well received.

We have had to have fairly extensive work updating and improving the electrical supply to the kitchen and replacing some of the automatic Emergency Exit lights we are also going to have some outside work mainly to the gutters and fascia boards on the Entrance & Toilet area commencing in May.

We are extremely grateful to Mark Hill who has agreed that we can put down some hard paving at the entrance to the hall, as you will all realise this will make a great difference to the access – Trevor Butcher has donated some paving slabs and we are going to attempt

to do the work ourselves and as I write this I am hoping that it can be done in April/May - many hands make light work so a good turn-out of volunteers would be very welcome.

So to – Profit

Our Old Tyme Music Hall evening was a great success as was the latest Panto *Alice in Wonderland* under the direction of Kathy Churchill. I will only say that 2015 was a quieter year with no dramatic crises in the hall or its surroundings and income exceeded outgoings, mainly because we have restricted outgoings!

A couple of final items

At our last meeting we agreed that a De-fibrillator supplied by the Parish council could be sited in the Entrance lobby where it will be in plain sight of anyone needing it.

A new kitchen has been on the agenda for two years now, it was felt that other items took priority and so it could only happen if we could get some outside funding. Well we have now had an offer of £1873 from Suffolk Community action and more recently we received a cheque for £1000 from The Thomas Mills Trust for which we are enormously grateful. We now have charitable funding equal to half the cost of a new kitchen and floor so I am expecting us to go ahead on this in the next couple of months.

So 2016 looks as if it will be a busy time.