

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's Report

AGM 26th April 2018

We have just had our AGM with no changes in the committee or the officers. For reasons that I have never fully understood, our financial year and our operating year are 4 months apart, so I reported April to April. And our Treasurer presents accounts for the 12 months ending 31st December - we intend to change this.

We are having some success in obtaining grants for the completion of various projects so for 2017 we had an income of £10,600 and an increase in reserves of £3400.

Each year as I prepare this report I look back at the minutes of our quarterly meetings and I then decide to work either chronologically or just the highlights.

Prime Minister Harold MacMillan (for those of us who remember him) when asked what worried him the most said was "Events dear boy Events" - Well we have those so let's deal with them.

The Kitchen is finished so we have now turned our minds to the toilets & not before time, I have to tell you that in the minutes of every meeting in the last 12 months there is reference to blocked this or leaking that or just an overflowing something,

Since July 2017 we have had quotes for around £5000, for this work to be done and we now intend to start stripping out on Monday 6th August & the hall will be closed for two weeks.

The Fete was its usual success and brought in a considerable contribution to funds as did our Talent Night – great fun, a huge success and little or no set up costs

In December we erected our Christmas Tree, I was unable to attend but the lighting went well.

In December 2016, our Secretary Jackie pointed out to me that the Coop were asking if any organisation wanted to take part in their Local Community Fund, we applied got chosen and the up-shot was a donation of £1200 which paid for the upgrade to LED lighting and the wiring arrangements for the panto.

Altogether we will have spent quite a lot of money this year improving the staging of our Pantos etc. As I write this, Cinderella has just finished another great production and our thanks to all involved. I am glad to say that the new wiring and Chris Finbow's staging worked well.

So, what do we look forward to in the coming 12 months, well hopefully the Toilet upgrade will go smoothly and we can then turn our efforts towards providing funds for a new portable stage

Beyond that – “Events dear boy Events”

Graham Mooney