CODFORD VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Codford Village Hall and the Broadleaze Fields are a community facility and it is only for the benefit of the community that the Management Committee and the many others involved in the Hall do what they do, so thank you for those of you who have shown an interest and your support for our activities.

My first, and most important point is to report that due to careful and sensible management by our volunteers and our paid staff, that I am pleased to report that our auditor John Curtis has confirmed that the Charity remains in a healthy state and that the bar is operating as a viable trading company.

Secondly, there have been positive developments to both maintaining and developing our premises over the last year. The obvious change is the new glazed set of patio doors allowing much more light and easy access into the Hall and the splendid patio that they open out onto. Less obvious, but just as important is the work undertaken to repair and extend the life of the roof and the redecoration both inside and outside that gives the Hall a much fresher look. Many people were involved in making this happen but I will mention a few: those kind enough to sponsor the changes, notably our own Parish Council and the Wiltshire Area Board, plus a few private individuals including the late Maurice Cole. CVH's Project Team of Crispin Edmonds, Derek Mitchell and Alec Thomson led on the tendering and management of the contractors and the hard graft of repairing and decorating the Hall was undertaken by Alec with the support of his core team of Merry Men: John Wyeth, John Foster, Simon Mostyn and Nick Nichols.

The Hall and grounds continue to prove popular and thank you to all of you who hire it, particularly our regular users. A number of events have been held here over the year, most notably the Codford Village Fete last weekend. Many thanks for all of you who have organised such events and particularly to Penny Edmonds, Patricia Bettaney, Ann Levick, Bridget Lorimer and the rest of those behind the fete which raised well over £1000 for the CVH Charity as well as for other worthy causes.

Keeping the facility running falls very much to our small team of employees, the ever-cheerful and really versatile Karungi Grant who not only manages the bookings but also, together with Janette Elliott, ensures that our facilities are always looking their best. The Codford Broadleaze Bar continues to be popular with the community and I am pleased that rather then having been threatened by the reopening of the George, there has been cooperation and I was particularly pleased to see the patrons of the George selling food here during the recent Village Fete. That the Bar has been running so well is particularly down to those that have been involved in managing it over the last year: Laura Lewis for her time on the Committee and for her dedication in helping to make the Bar more professional, managing the cellar and building up clientele, and to Terri Webb, Steph Neilson-Hunt and Katie Detheridge for their various stints as Bar Managers and also, Katie as the book-keeper for the Bar. I must also acknowledge Chris Bridel who is now our Bar Manager and who has brought enthusiasm and professionalism to the enterprise. Thank you for your efforts to the great team working behind the bar over the year and in particular to our current team of Aleisha Palmer, Chloe Gibbens and Niki

Carpenter for their hard work. Chris also asked that I specifically mention Ann for her encouragement and guidance, and also Andy Hedley, our frequently on-hand problem solver for giving up so much of his spare time to keep things running. Although the Committee are volunteers, we are also conscious of our responsibilities as employers of our staff and I would like to mention one of our previous number, Sara Glasby, who has volunteered again to use her Human Resources expertise, working together with Katie Detheridge, to help us refresh our employment policies and processes. A great people have been involved in keeping things running well and if I've missed anyone out from my list I apologise and please don't think that means that your efforts are not valued.

All of the activity that takes place here is entirely dependent upon the efforts, energies and fiscal responsibility of the small group of volunteers who form the committee. I am indebted to them for their patience and perseverance. The current committee is:

- Patricia Bettaney - Secretary
- Don Bartlett, Vice chair who is both a councillor and a CVH trustee;
- Ann Levick - Treasurer
- Dennis Mackay
- Murray Mcleod-Jones
- Phil Dolling

I must make special mention of Bridget Lorimer who has recently stepped down after very many years working hard for the community by serving on the committee and helping in the background, and Sue Mitchell who has picked up on Bridget's booking duties. I will also mention Ann Levick again, she too is one of our longest standing members; Ann has given us notice that she will stand down as Treasurer after the end of the next financial year. Our very hard-working Secretary Patricia has also informed me that she and her Husband Tony will be moving away soon. We thank them both for all they've done for the local community in so many areas in too few years amongst us and wish them well with their relocation and the future. I would strongly encourage anyone with an interest in helping to run this facility, particularly if they know their way around a spreadsheet or a Word document, to please consider joining our number.

I will at this point repeat myself, last year I made two requests for assistance and the requirement still stands for both:

- We need one or two people with a little time and the ability to work within written documents to undertake a short-term project assisting us with reviewing our policy documents against the sources of best practice available.
- We wish to establish the Friends of CVH, as a way to enable those that are willing to come and give practical help when events are being run but don't want the regular commitment of being on the Committee. Ideas on how to establish such a help group would be most welcome.

In conclusion, thank you to all of those that help run and those that use the Hall for supporting such a great facility for our Community, your efforts are appreciated.