**CODFORD VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

In 2016 I made the CVH Chairman’s address and spoke of significant financial and other challenges faced by the Village Hall and the small team of volunteers involved in keeping it running. This year I can announce that as a result of prudent fiscal management and effective fund raising we have moved out of debt and our situation is improving.

Thank you to the many people that have played a part in keeping this facility available for our community. The Codford Parish Council for their guidance, top cover and active support, particularly in terms of the grant they have provided from the precept. To those who have recently served on the Committee: Roger Fairbairn, Karl Cleiffe, Sara Glasby and Steph Nielsen-Hunt. Thank you in particular to Sara for continuing to run and develop the new website and Steph for her continued involvement as a key member of the entertainment committee. Alec Thomson for taking such a strong lead in taking on the burden of daily maintenance of the site, supported in particular by John Wyeth and also John Foster. Alec is also a member of our Development Project Team, led by Crispin Edmonds and also involving Derek Mitchell. Our employees do a great job in running the Hall, the ever cheerful Karungi Grant who is now booking clerk as well as the cleaner, and Terri Webb who has replaced Katie Detheridge as bar manager and the rest of the bar team. I’d also like to thank the regular hirers of the Hall and facilities and last but by no means least, the small group of volunteers who form the committee, thank you for your patience, perseverance and sense of humour! The current committee is:

* Patricia Bettaney - Secretary
* Don Bartlett, Vice chair who is both a councillor and a CVH trustee;
* Ann Levick - Treasurer
* Bridget Lorimer – Booking Secretary
* Laura Lewis – Bar Member
* Dennis Mackay
* Murray Mcleod-Jones

I have two requests for assistance:

* 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 avaiable.
* We wish to establish the Friends of CVH, for those that are willing to help but don’t want the regular commitment of being on the committee, ideas on how to establish this help group of friends would be most welcome.

In conclusion, if I’ve missed anyone out I apologise,