

## Village Hall Report

26 April 2023

There's not a great deal to report this year – fortunately Covid seems to have retreated although we have retained the hand sanitizer and our information pack for hall use in the future if we have a recurrence. Our funds are good, and we have a great team of people who give their time voluntarily to ensure that the hall is well maintained and a comfortable place to welcome people. We have recently renegotiated our electricity contract, and we are fortunate that we can weather the storm of rising energy costs .

Some village halls are used as a warm hub for people in need just now, but we took the view that with so many activities taking place the best option was to ensure that everyone in the village knew what was going on and that they were welcome to join in.

We are having the front door revarnished next week, and the back door has been repaired – thank you Michael! Edmund has adjusted the extractor fan in the kitchen so that it doesn't run for quite such a long time. And we have a loyal and dedicated cleaner in Sue Parkinson, who keeps the hall clean and tidy, and can always be called upon if there is a problem. Duv

Next weekend the hall is likely to feature quite strongly in celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles and will host a tea party for older residents on the Monday.

We do occasionally have some strange things to deal with – one recent example of this is that the hand sink in the kitchen was found to be raised above where it should be sitting and we could not push it back down. It transpired that this was caused by a tin which had been wedged underneath – not quite sure how anyone managed to do this – but once it was removed the sink settled back to its position.

As always I – and I think the hall users – are indebted to the support of members of the Committee. Alison and Edmund continue their role as Secretary and general handyman respectively, Viv keeps the books in order and plants up the trough, and all members play their part.. One point I would stress is that we are all getting older and there will come a time when we need to recruit a younger team to take on the role of being part of the management committee. We have our AGM coming up in May so if you know anyone who might want to get involved please let us know.

In the meantime, I hope the village will continue to use and enjoy our lovely village hall.