

## Village Hall Report. April 2023.

After the nightmare days of lockdown, in which time the hall suffered financial losses, we have emerged strongly with the hall being used more than previously. We have turned a deficit of £714 in year ending 2021 into a small profit of £63 last year.

We had an enjoyable evening last October when we held a quiz night and ploughman's Supper. The profits from the evening help subsidise our rental income which we keep very low to encourage as much use as possible. Our current charges for the hall are £16 per session, up just £1 from last year. This we feel is unbeatable value. We are holding another quiz evening on 7th October so make a date in your diary and come along if you can.

We have made a number of improvements to the hall over the last year. We have changed the old commercial dishwasher for a more user friendly domestic style. We have now got the Internet which comes across from the Church and for which we share rental charges with them. We have also had to repair the store shed roof after storm damage.

As previously mentioned the hall is being used more than ever, with what we all hope is the temporary closing of the pub, a number of RLSC events have been held in the hall instead. Other regular users are Ashendon Voices, the Parish Council, St Mary's Church and the WI. These groups, along with all the other people who use the hall show what an invaluable part our little hall plays in our village life. Thanks to you all for your support.

Richard Bates  
Hon Secretary