

Atcham War Memorial Hall Management (Malthouse) Committee

Report to Parish Council AGM May 2023

Bookings for the hall over the past year have been steady however, in some months bookings have been low. We have lost a couple of our regular weekly bookings as numbers in their groups have dwindled and sessions are no longer sustainable. We are now advertising the hall in The Pump monthly newsletter and discussing other marketing ideas.

Since my last report for the AGM, May 2022, refurbishment and repair of the hall has been continuing. This includes:

New curtains purchased and fitted

Chairs donated by Brunning and Price

10 new smaller tables purchased

Roof tiles replaced on kitchen roof

Berwick room partitioned to provide a meeting room and separate storage area, additional electrical sockets installed

Decoration of Berwick room and interior of rear porch

Areas of floor in main hall repaired, new skirting fitted where required and wall plastered

Soak away installed to prevent further flooding in the rear porch

Guttering replaced on the front porch

Carpark drains cleared and re-aligned. Ground levelled and re-surfaced

All lighting replaced with LED

Outside doors painted - rear entrance, outside toilet, store.

2 new replacement doors in ladies cloakroom fitted and painted

Obviously all of the above has had a significant impact on our budget and we are grateful to the Parish Council for their donation of £7,500 without which much of the necessary work would not have been possible.

The hall has been used to provide community events. A celebration for the Queen's Jubilee, a harvest lunch, pop- up pub night and a Coronation lunch were well attended and welcomed by villagers and members of the parish. Organisers (Malthouse Merry-makers!) received positive feedback and there are plans to hold more events on a regular basis including pub nights and a village Christmas party. It is good to see the hall being used once again for the participants of the village as stated in our constitution.

