

Atcham Memorial Hall Management (Malthouse) Committee

Report to Parish Council ACM May 8th 2024

Bookings for the hall this year have been fewer.

We have had very few bookings for large events. Occasional children's parties have been booked. Two other organisations have regular half day bookings. Scottish and Sequence dancers remain weekly regulars along with AMBC indoor sessions in the winter months.

A focus for the committee is generating more income for the hall. Marketing the hall is to be a priority or we will become unsustainable.

Since my last report for the AGM, May 2023, repair and refurbishment has continued:

Lime plastered wall, boxed skirting and door frame have been decorated

Floor repaired and carpeted in the Berwick room

Outside lighting has been repaired and updated

Plumbing repairs have carried out in both indoor and outdoor toilets

Wi-Fi has been installed. We are grateful to the PC for a grant facilitating this

The carpark is currently undergoing work to demarcate parking bays

The usual regular health and safety checks and testing have been carried out

The Committee commissioned a condition report on the hall which is a comprehensive summary outlining recommendations for work this year, within 2 years and 5 years. The work is substantial and will require significant funding. We are concentrating efforts on grant and funding applications from a number of sources.

We have received donations from parishioners:

Tableware and glasses

Kitchen utensils

Cutlery

A generous donation from a parishioner in return for our surplus chairs, since receiving chairs for the hall from the Mytton and Mermaid

Malthouse Merrymakers have held a number of events over the last year. These have included quiz nights, Skittles evening, Christmas fair and a Christmas party.

More events are planned as we are keen to develop the hall being used by members of the community.

The church held a very successful Better Clothes Sale in the Autumn and Church ladies provided refreshments for the Christmas Fair.

The committee have reviewed the licence agreement held with Atcham Malthouse Bowling Club (AMBC). This included a rent increase and more clarity over the use of the carpark and outside areas.

The committee have had discussions in meetings and communication with The Mytton and Mermaid and voting regarding the use of the Malthouse carpark. We are keen to support residents and the PC in finding a solution to the parking problem in and around the village. Although permanent parking for customers has not been agreed by our committee we have arranged to hire out the carpark to the pub for their Birthday event on Saturday 1st June. Its hoped that this will be recognised as a way of helping residents and generating much needed income for the hall.