

Coaley Village Hall Chairman's Report – 2020

Dear Members of the Village Hall management Committee it is most regrettable that we will have to conduct our Annual General Meeting by Zoom this year on the 8th October at 7.30pm. In these uncertain times the Finance Committee has made the decision to use this format and keep everyone as safe as possible. Secretaries of the registered organisations will receive joining instructions to access the meeting, however if additional members of your Groups wish to view the proceedings please contact me and I will forward them an invitation. The Secretary will circulate the agenda and accounts for your consideration prior to the meeting. As usual only your declared delegate will be able to vote on the resolutions.

As you may surmise this year has been somewhat chaotic as we have struggled with the corona virus regulations and developing a new thirty-year lease for the Community Shop. Additionally, this year we have completed annual inspections of the air conditioning and emergency systems carrying out a repair to the alarm system power supply on the way. In April we completed the five yearly electrical installation report and tested all the portable appliances. Items for rectification and legislation up-dating were identified and that work was completed by our year end with the exception of some rewiring work which is still out for tender. In our ongoing drive to become carbon neutral we have converted the lighting in the foyer, cloakrooms, store cupboard, stage and stage exit corridor to LED units and as we replace the emergency lighting, we are changing them for LED units also.

As part of our Covid-19 protocols we have tied back the curtains rather than removing them. As the darker nights approach this may be seen as a negative aspect, but it was considered a better option than removing them entirely. The stage backcloth remains in place and users are requested to avoid handling any of the curtains wherever possible.

During the lockdown we have refurbished the property in Quedgeley, and it is now re-let. The costings will fall into the 2020/21 Treasurers Report.

Sadly, I report the demise of the Wives Fellowship Group due to the lack of members able to head up the team. The Group has been active in the Hall Management for twenty years and offered a significant service to the residents of the Village. The Group, in winding up their affairs, have decided to donate one third of their standing balance to the Village Hall for which we are most grateful. We would, of course, preferred it if the group had been able to continue. I take this opportunity to thank those who have headed up the group for their dedication and service to the community, but we all find there is a time to step down. We are a small village and if we want the cohesion of our community to continue to develop, villagers must step up to the plate. Our more senior citizens have carried the can for many years, and it may be time for other members to add a little of their own vigour.

In closing may I thank the Finance Committee who have steered me through a quite challenging year, our booking clerk and cleaner who have both stepped up to the challenges of Covid-19 and to our accountants who have worked with us to establish firm foundations for our financial structure as we move into the new era of property management.

**Tony Eve
Chair
Coaley Village Hall Management Committee**