

Report of the Mileham Village Hall Committee
to the
Mileham Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Since our last report in May 2021, the Village Hall Committee has been delighted to welcome back a number of it's regular users, including :-

Carpet Bowls
Coffee Mornings
Exercise Class
Mileham Men's Group
Parish Council
Patchwork and Crafternoon groups
Upper Nar Gardeners
Women's Institute
Yoga Classes

In addition, the hall is now also being used regularly for martial arts practice and the occasional Karate class. The hall has also been used as a Polling Station, for family parties including wedding anniversary celebrations and, regrettably, for a wake.

It is possible that the Art group may reconvene later in the year, although this is still to be confirmed. We hope that Quiz Nights will be back later this year.

Most, if not all, of our standard costs have increased, particularly heating costs. There has been a need to keep the hall heated when not occupied for insurance purposes. In addition, government advice has been to maintain ventilation during meetings/sessions, even though heating has been requested by our hirers. Sixty new chairs have been purchased in the last year, which have been welcomed as an improvement over the older white chairs which were far too heavy. The car park has also had some remedial work, which we are hoping should last some while, but we are still looking for suitable solutions and available grants to improve the situation further. These increased costs have meant that we have been unable to cover hall costs from hire fees this year by some margin. However, in the light of past government grants we do not consider this significant at this point in time.

It is important to recognise that the Committee's role is that of a hall management committee, not a village entertainments committee. Whilst we have run a number of different activities in the past, this was primarily to ensure that the hall remained solvent. The Committee will continue to encourage new activities and will be supportive in getting them off of the ground, but it remains up to the residents of Mileham to identify any new events that they're interested in and to organise them.

I M Smith
Chair
Mileham Village Hall Committee

31st May 2022