EXHALL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE Chairman's Report

For AGM 1/10/19 and relating to y/end 30/6/19

Intro: 100 years after the end of WW1 was bound to be a special year and led by Adam Read the Village contributed memorably to the country's remembrance of that sobering event. The Hall hosted contributions from Committee members and other villagers featuring poems, eulogies, prayers, the Last Post and Beacon with Cannon Fire.

My thanks to all the Committee for their contributions to our years' events. Sophie Smith is retiring, so especial thanks to her for her service and for putting together and arranging the publishing of the Village Calendars latterly for 2019. She has agreed to remain the website Administrator so she is not escaping altogether!

We have set in train the refurbishment of the kitchen and have secured a small grant from Warwickshire County Council Councillors Fund towards the eventual cost. The other planned work is carried forward! Thanks to our Treasurer Julia Hall for managing the finances and to Bob Mace for being an ever ready handy man.

Meetings and Events: Our traditional Harvest Supper was followed in December by the ever popular Children's Xmas party with Father Christmas —thanks to the Hansons and Anna Holder for arranging. The New Year's Day walk was followed by a successful Skittles Night with lots of new faces. We didn't have a party in March but the Easter Egg Hunt went down well as did the walk amongst the lovely show of Bluebells in early May. Our July Extravaganza was blessed by good weather so folk visited selected gardens looking for clues leading to Treasure and were warmly received, refreshments generously on

offer! The Treasure was handed over at the shared supper in the eve. Once again the year ended with the Boundary Walk.

In Addition: Our thanks to Fred and Gerry Minshall for our monthly Village Cinema and welcome contribution to the Hall's funds.

We are grateful to all who contributed of their time and talents and helped the Committee make Exhall a lovely place to reside.

Chris Smith 29/8/19 v 1