

EXHALL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMANS'S REPORT to the AGM 3/10/17 **y/e30/6/17**

Intro. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this year's activities, [though our year formally ends in June traditionally this Report covers August to September]. Thanks to both Committee and locals and to those who supported our activities. Thanks especially to Linda Mullett who retired from the Committee and welcome to our newbie Liz Benson.

We were able to have the exterior of the hall painted, weather proofing it hopefully for generations of villagers to come! Special thanks to Cllr John Horner for supporting us with £600 of the £1700 cost from the Warwickshire County Cllr Fund.

Thanks especially to Jo for tackling the kitchen clean up after the expulsion of our unwelcome visitors, and to Chris H for filling in potholes on the drive, also to Julia for our posters and a weeks spot in the Waitrose coupon support for local organisations. Also to Sophie for uploading photos over the year and the first Exhall fundraising year Calendar, and to Adam for our 4 new trestle tables.

Meetings and events. The Committee met 5 times and in 2016 we had our Harvest Supper when Phil Careless spoke about his farming year and some more, a well supported Spooky Quiz at Halloween, a happy (and tearful) children's Xmas party, a New Year's day walk, Skittles, a green and orange St Patrick's Day party with guest Riverdancers, Easter Egg hunt and the Bluebell walk. The July Extravaganza celebrated HRH The Queen's sapphire jubilee with an afternoon street party, complete with patriotic songs even shared by

the Cricket Club mid match and a shared supper later! On the 17th Sept we carried on the ancient tradition of walking the boundary.

In addition. Thanks to Fred and Gerry Minshall for our monthly rural cinema regularly supported by 25/30 locals and a source of welcome funds. This year they also arranged a wine tasting with Waitrose at which connoisseurs learnt even more about why they drank wine and also further contributed to our funds!

We bought boxes to store our cushions, after Jo had washed the covers.

Still to do, repairs to the hall steps and some internal redecoration.

Another successful year for our community, made possible by folk who gave of their time and talents. Thanks to all.

Chris Smith 3/10/17 v 2