

## **Village Hall Committee Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2018**

The Village Hall Committee held it's AGM on 25th April and the management committee were all re elected for another term. We are, however, always keen to hear from anyone with time and energy to share the load , especially with the day to day running of the Hall.

The Hall has had another busy and successful year, with an increase in bookings from village residents over last year.

20 regular activities take place each week ranging from toddler groups though Yoga, Clog Dancing and puppy training to Short Mat Bowls.

Other regular village based users include the WI, Rainbows and Brownies, Darby & Joan Club and the Parish Council.

Regular users based outside the village include The National Society of Master Thatchers, Wantage Lace Makers and the Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary. More than 15 dog clubs use the hall regularly for their meetings and shows; many are local but some come from as far away as London and Staffordshire.

During the year, the Hall was also used for a variety of private functions, such as birthdays (children birthday parties are particularly popular), christenings, reunions, funeral teas, and wedding receptions, as well as fundraising events, including quizzes, folk dances and bingo nights.

The overall income for the year showed an increase over the previous year despite an increase in expenditure including on plumbing and electrical repairs, re-decoration of the Millennium room, specialist cleaning contractors and cleaning materials.

The level of future bookings remains high and we would like to take this opportunity to remind all new, occasional and regular hirers that separate bookings need to be made directly with the booking secretary for all events as the hall often booked up to a year in advance on popular dates. In the interests of fairness we operate on a first come first served basis so if you have a regular event please do make sure you have a confirmed booking as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment

*Sue Rees, Committee Secretary April 2018*