

VILLAGE HALL REPORT 2020/21

Village Hall

What a strange year it has been and not a good one for our Village Hall. The hall was closed in line with the first lockdown in March 2020 and was only able to open briefly for Pilates classes before we went into the second lockdown. It was used as a pop up bakery and a central distribution point for fruit and vegetable deliveries.

The new committee took over at the virtual AGM and we thank the outgoing committee, under the Chairmanship of Wilf Iliffe, for all their hard work over many years. We welcome Chris Wilson as the new Chairman and committee members Susan Fagg, Susan Kennedy, Pat Benton, Steve Neville and Jo Wilson. We are thrilled that Susan Fagg has made a good recovery from her recent illness and will soon be back with us in the village again.

During lockdown Zoom meetings have taken place and plans for events for the summer are in the diary. We hope to start at Easter with an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday 3rd April. Covid guidance currently allows us to reopen the hall for Pilates Classes and Coffee Mornings on May 17th. Film Club will also start again at the end of May. Other events planned are The Scarecrow Trail, The Produce Show & The Harvest Supper.

The Village Hall has lost a tremendous amount of income during the lockdown periods and we are waiting to hear whether an application for Covid grant funding from SNC has been successful.

The committee have been working hard on the plans to replace the Village Hall with an exciting new building. An application to the HS2 Community & Environment Fund will be submitted. We thank the Parish Council for their support with this project. If our application is successful, we will also have a lot of additional fundraising to do in order to meet the match funding criteria. A lot of hard work ahead but it will be worth the effort to have a Village Hall that we, and the next generation, can all use and be proud of.

Jo Wilson

March 21