

DUNCHIDEOCK VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

This last year has been extremely difficult for the Village Hall Committee.

The running costs for the Village Hall are expensive and as a general principle for all Village Halls the aim should be for these costs to be covered by the income from hiring fees. If this income is not sufficient to cover the costs it is necessary for the Committee to hold fund raising events.

Our hiring income is limited and does not cover the running costs. We have therefore tried to hold several events during the year but unfortunately a number of these events have had to be cancelled due to not enough tickets being sold to make the events viable. This is a concern to the Committee as it is very important to have sufficient income to continue to make the Village Hall available for use by residents of the parish.

The Village Hall is the only and vital community asset in the village. It needs to be available as a focal point for everyone to use and meet, not only now, but also to preserve it for use by future generations. We shall continue to arrange events and look forward to your support as we do not want the village to lose its Village Hall.

The Committee has lost some members and we are soon to lose our long serving and excellent Secretary. Fortunately we have recently been joined by two new members and we would welcome more new members onto the Committee to assist with the running and maintenance of the Village Hall and organisation of events. We would especially welcome someone who could become our Secretary and if you are available to do this would you please let me know.

We have a regular Pilates class every Monday evening and during the autumn and winter months we have had some enjoyable Film Nights. Our monthly tea afternoons have proved to be a very popular and well attended social event and the 100 Club continues to be very well supported with the surplus funds providing income towards the running costs of the Village Hall. We are planning to hold further events such as a Big Breakfast, an auction, a music night and possibly talks by celebrities and details will be confirmed when arrangements have been made.

It is our intention to gradually improve the Village Hall and have identified the following projects:

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| 1. New Roof | 2. Improve kitchen | 3. Repaint exterior paintwork |
| 4. Repair leaking porch | 5. Improve pavement | 6. Resurface car park |

Our aims are – To be a community hub for all the residents

To bring the heart back into the village

To help us achieve these aims – Your Village Hall Needs Your Support.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for all their hard work and the residents that have supported our events.

Karen Robson
Chairman