

NEWCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

This last year has had it's fair share of ups and downs.

The established auction group decided that they would cease trading, but thankfully a new group approached us and they, after a month's break, took over the old slot of the second Thursday of the month. It all seems to be working very well for both parties.

About the same time the long standing dog training group decided that they couldn't continue. We were very grateful when Miss Lynn Forbes started a new one on the usual Monday evening slot, they now have a waiting list.

Sadly the faith group Kings Chapel, decided recently that because of the logistic of getting people here to Worship on a Sunday, that they would move to pastures new, which is a great shame.

We still have bands using the Community Room primarily for their rehearsals. We also have a Yoga class on a Tuesday evening. There are of course the usual badminton and bowls also using the Hall. But sadly the Pantomime group is still not functioning. We must not forget the valuable service we get from the Post Office which comes most Tuesday afternoons between 3 and 4pm. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Diana Dunning for all her hard work as our Letting Secretary for sorting it all out.

From April until October there is a splendid coffee morning held in the Social Club area of the Hall in aid of much needed funds. We are extremely grateful for the ladies who volunteer for this, under the co-ordination of Mrs Pamela Baxter. On the first Saturday of the month, the coffee mornings de-camp and move to the Church to help with their fund raising. Every other Saturday morning there is a bowls group using the Hall and they really appreciate the cakes, coffee and sausage rolls. They were really missed when the coffee mornings took their winter break.

On Sunday 15th September from 2 to 4pm we are planning a festival to showcase the merits of the Village Hall. Various groups are doing a demonstration of their activities etc. Watch this space.

We are trying to raise funds to replace the fascia and bargeboards which are in really poor condition. Unfortunately we have also got to replace the boiler in the Social Club, and the Emergency lighting in the Hall has all got to be replaced. It all at times seems never ending.

My thanks go to the Officers and committee members who work so hard to keep this wonderful Village facility open and functioning. Thank you