

Memorial Hall Chair's report for 2024

Thank you for all for coming this afternoon, I hope you find this report informative, and I am happy to answer any questions at the end.

I think we can all agree that 2024 was another fantastic year for the Hall and we have built on the good work carried out over the last few years. The EMC has worked tremendously hard to deliver so much over the last twelve months, but when we see so many people enjoying the various activities laid on by ourselves and other groups in the community, it makes it all worthwhile.

Before I report on 2024 I think it is worth reflecting on the journey we have been on since 2019. The table shows how far we travelled and what we have achieved.

Memorial Hall comparison

Income	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hire of the Hall	£5,091	£1,548	£1,918	£4,234	£5,804	£7,629
Income from events	£2,641	£125	£3,225	£12,482	£14,549	£21,742
Total	£7,732	£1,673	£5,143	£16,716	£20,353	£29,371
Expenditure						
Operating expenses	£2,752	£2,208	£3,428	£8,699	£11,764	£14,638
Maintenance	£1,770	£5,685	£6,458	£945	£3,921	£2,935
Total	£4,522	£7,893	£9,886	£9,644	£15,685	£17,573
'Surplus'	£3,210	-£6,220	-£4,743	£7,072	£4,668	£11,798
Capital				£1,614	£30,372	£3,552
No. of invoices for hire of the Hall	No record	No record	40	103	114	144

Note these figures do not include grants/donations, service charges or one off sales etc, it's a comparison on how events income, expenditure and booking invoices have increased since 2019.

From the table it clearly shows use of the Hall is increasing year on year. Particularly pleasing is the number of invoices raised, and remember some invoices are for multiple events in each month.

The increase in 'income from events' is down to the hard work of the EMC and the many helpers we have had from the community. Two in particular have been important to our fund raising activity, the joint Race Night with the Friends of Oldbury School and our themed dinner, organised by Angela and supported by many chefs in the community.

We have held a wide range of activities, some old favourites and some new such as a Wine and Cheese night, Oktoberfest and Line Dancing. We plan to continue to offer a wide and varied range of events, so old favourites and some new in 2025 so please keep supporting us.

As you can see we continue with our planned improvements in the Hall, and insulated plaster board and radiators installed in January will improve our carbon footprint and reduce our energy consumption. It also makes the Hall a far more attractive place to hire.

You will soon be seeing new furniture in the lobby area, again the money for this has been donated from The NRS. We also plan to exhibit local artist's work which are available to purchase.

Regarding funding we have a few grant requests which are currently being reviewed, one with NRS for the work we have recently carried out in the Hall, Vistry for help in the floor project and depending on the outcome of these requests I will be approaching other sources of funding.

Regarding our constitution there are two changes that I would like you to consider which will be brought up in the AGM in any other business, and if agreed I will take to the Parish Council for their consideration.

As always there are several hardworking individuals and groups who have helped or supported the Hall and in no particular order:

- The Cinema Club for allowing us to hold the 100 - club monthly draw in a public place, and the many people who subscribe to the 100 club as it is a good source of income for the Hall
- Angela and Doug for running the 100 club.
- Oldbury shop for supporting our numerous raffles with hampers and a generous donation to help purchase the patio tables.
- Alan Taylor who is our 'flag master' thank you for flying the flag.
- The Parish Council for insuring the Hall and for paying for the broadband which we all benefit from.
- The people of the village who have given their time to help organise and support events we have held, and to those who have given their time in helping out with the upgrading of the Hall. In particular I would like to thank Rob Willcox for all the time an effort he has put into the Hall
- Peter Orford for managing the bookings and the heating.

I would like to thank all the people or groups who have hired the Hall, without you we would not be here!! We hope you continue to do so and please make suggestions on how we, as a committee, can improve upon your experience.

I must thank the EMC who have been extremely supportive in their roles, without their guidance and support my job would have been impossible. I cannot stress to you how hard they have worked throughout the year. They have been brilliant.

Lastly I must pay particular thanks to Linda for all the work she does in supporting me in my role.

The most important point is we are here to serve the community and would welcome input from anyone on events they would like to see organised, our limit, as I have said before, is your imagination.

I would ask you to approve this statement as a true record for the events of 2024.

Chris Jennings

Chairperson Oldbury on Severn War Memorial Hall

Oldbury on Severn Memeorial Hall

Accounts 2024

Income

Hire of the Hall	£ 5,129.50
Hire of the Hall personal parties	£ 2,499.69
Sale of Equipments	£ 19.00
Donations	£ 3,537.62
Hall Fund Raising events	£ 22,352.12
Other	£ 1,123.02
007 Music nights (shared profits)	-£ 610.00
Other Table Tennis Grant	-£ 1,000.00
Total Income	£ 33,050.95

Expenses

Cleaner/cleaning equipment	£ 1,026.68
Electricity/Water	£ 1,583.42
Heating Oil	£ 677.30
Maintenance/repairs	£ 2,935.55
Capital (Hall Improvements)	£ 3,551.62
Buisness rates	£ 31.19
Licences	£ 849.35
Bar/food	£ 6,884.46
Event expenses	£ 4,224.04
Sundry	£ 970.49
Table Tennis grant	-£ 1,000.00
Music nights split refund to Marg	-£ 610.00
Total Expenditure	£ 21,124.10

Cash flow

Opening balance 01/01/2024

Santander	£ 20,122.62
Float	£ 40.00
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Net surplus	£ 11,926.85
Closing balance	£ 32,089.47

Closing balance 31/12/2024

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The balances on the 31st December 2024 are as stated

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