Annual Report for 2024/2025

We had a good year where much was achieved, we raised enough money from grants and fundraising to refurbish the Hall (floor, walls and toilets), install a new heating system, install a new array of solar panels and a new chiller system which encouraged greater revenue and reduced costs – especially through our electricity bills.

Attendance was increased and the Hall was being used consistently through the year, often opening 6 x days per week for various clubs, societies and events.

Village Hall & Social Club – Meeting 01/09/2026

Recent Events

East Garston Golf Masters organised by Peter Hobbs – Tuesday 4th August

Featuring 14 x teams at West Berks Golf Course

From Peter Hobbs

Just to say thank you for all your support yesterday, it was great to see you all and a special well done too the Tony Gorman's winning team and Will Freeman for winning the coveted Green Jacket.

We raised £2312 which is great.

Peter

Beans on Toast Event – Fri 7th August

Overall, the event was very well received, we had over 200 attendees, we had record sales on the bar and it looks like we made around £4,000 on the night. There were a lot of people involved who all put in a lot of work and, as Ray mentioned in his earlier email, it was hugely appreciated.

Please see Addendum for the financial breakdown and the piece EJ put together for Joanne for Village Views.

Village Fete – 16th August

Ray and Alan ran the bar at the Fete and took around £1200 on the bar which was fantastic

Re-roofing the Village Hall

As we all know the roof is not in great shape – we have 2 x roofers inspect and quote and we are looking to raise £60,000 if we are to renovate the complete roof or £20,000 if we just do the ridges, gable ends and repairs

We have agreed to contact a surveyor to look at the building and ask Dave Lee to take a look too… Ed to distribute quotes and videos from roofers

We have had a £5,000 grant approved by the Greenham Trust and will use their platform to host the appeal (which enables us to collect Gift Aid) – please click on the link to donate -

https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/20630/east-garston-village-hall/roof-replacement-for-east-garston-village-hall

So far we have raised approx. - £15,200

Need to come up with plans to raise the money – letter to the village (A4), village lottery (the church bells lottery has expired)

Finances at the Club/Hall

Accounts for last year are attached

Are looking OK at present – the improved takings and reduced costs in the Club have made the bar sustainable

Events have bolstered reserves – in the last 18 x months we have been able to use approx. £7000 of our own funds on Capital Expenditure (costs towards refurbs, the air source heating and Solar installation)

We have around 15k in reserves – some of which will be put towards the appeal

Fibre

We are looking to install fibre into the Hall/Club – we don't know why yet but BT have said that whilst all the other properties in the village can have fibre installed, the Hall cannot!

Tax

3 x new issues

- Because of the grants we received we have had to go into a different reporting bracket which means we have to have a documented Trustees meeting which has to be submitted by the end of September
- TAX – we have had an unpleasant letter from HMRC saying we have to produce a tax return – we have contacted the CCB who have not been able to help but have said lots of local Halls have had the same letter – this may take quite a bit of time to sort out, we may need professional advice from an accountant and we may need to purchase some software – Ed, Deana & Carolyn have been working on this
- The book-keeper who has signed off on the accounts will be retiring this year so we will have to find someone else – Emma has been fantastic and done this for nothing for many years.
- If anyone knows of a friendly accountant, please do let us know
    - Ed to put something in the village round robin email
    - Sue to ask David Owen & co

AOB

Events coming up:

Bonfire night – 7th November

Quiz Night – 19th November

Cheltenham Preview – 12th March

New Air Source Heat Pump – we have been quoted £192 + VAT to install a new heat pump and heating source for the snooker room

Ask people to put the Hall in their will

Peter asked if the hall could become an electricity hub but we felt there was too much pressure on parking anyway and most people had ports at their own home

Addendum
Financials – Music Night 7 Aug

<u>Overall financial summary</u>

Costings
Beans - £2000
The Talismen - £300
Drinks (spirits) - £80
Helpers - £50
Lighting – £180
Sound Man - £350
Lorry - £200

Wristbands - £54
Licences - £21

Banners, Flowers, Tablecloths and candles – donated
Loan of picket fencing & high tables – donated

Total - £3235

Income
£2211 Website sales
£670 cash/card takings for tickets
£300 cash Ray
£3181

£526 raffle
BBQ – approx. £550
£300 donation
£350 donation

£1726

Bar
Approx. £4100
Drinks increased by circa 20% - extra £685 profit
50% margin on the £3416 - £1708
Total guestimate - £2393

Total - £7300

Overall total - £4065

East Garston Social Club & Village Hall Band Night

We were thrilled to host Beans on Toast & The Talismen on Friday night. Beans is currently in the middle of his UK tour and will shortly be off to Boardmasters and Boomtown Festivals where he will be playing to significantly more than the 200 people who filled the sun kissed Village Hall car park on Friday. Accompanied by Matt on keyboards and harmonica, he more than lived up to Raymond's high estimation of showmanship and talent with the hits Nanny Mac, The Glastonbury Oak and That's Why I Don't Drink Tequila Anymore.
The Talismen, hailing from Letcombe Regis and Wantage rolled us into the night with their mix of Irish Folk songs and covers including Molly Malone and Dirty Old Town – it was great to hear the fiddle, banjo and penny whistle all being played....
We don't yet know how much was raised but record takings at the bar were banked – well over £4,000 – which will kick start our new appeal for a new roof on the Village Hall.
A lot of thanks to all those who played their part, not least Ray Baker, Richie Beeson, Richard Brooks, Val, Sarah and Monty Montgomery, Freddie and Sue Tulloch, Dan O'Neil, Pete Stone, Nigel and Rebecca Gay, Ben Nelson, Peter Hobbs, Simon McNeil, Pat Murphy, David Arbuthnot, Shaune Munday, Harriet James, Mark Pidgeon, Brian Cowan, Brian Quinn, Penny Locke, Charlie Durant, Deana Carpenter – much of the village in fact...

EAST GARSTON VILLAGE HALL

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

EAST GARSTON VILLAGE HALL APPEALS FUND

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	2025	2024
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Donations/Grants	32,556.77	26.00
Shop Rental	2,600.00	2,200.00
Hire of Hall	0.00	250.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
	35,156.77	**2,476.00**
Expenditure		
Kitchen	145.95	0.00
Electrical	1,156.18	0.00
Plumbing	0.00	897.25
Decoration	15,327.62	0.00
Maintenance	1,048.12	540.00
Equipment	19,780.52	3,449.40
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Administration	300.00	180.00
Bank Charges	21.67	0.00
	37,780.06	**5,066.65**
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Balance Sheet at 30th November 2025

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Bank Account	640.84	3,264.13
CURRENT LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
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REPRESENTED BY		
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