

Chair's report to AGM of Oxhill Village Hall

30th May 2024

Good evening, thank you for coming along tonight, we won't keep you too long but I'm sure that you will appreciate a review of the year, an update and some of the plans for the future.

In the year from April 2023, significant work has continued on the village hall renovation project in order to extend it and to bring it up to date. As you can see and hopefully, will have seen in the Oxhill News, we are now fully open for business!

We are most grateful to Jill and Colin for allowing us to continue with all the usual village hall activities in the Old Chapel during the time that the hall was out of commission and would like to express our sincere thanks to them again. Events in the year since our last AGM have included a Paella Night in July, the Progressive Supper in October, a Curry Night in November and the Seniors' Christmas lunch and Beer and Bubbles in December, all of which were very well received and attended.

Building Regulation approval was finally granted in early 2024, and we were able to use the hall again. An opening event of a most enjoyable Burn's Night supper hosted by the Scottish contingent of the village was attended by 48 people. The extra space and new facilities are now being enjoyed, with Tysoe Tappers, Cotswold Chickens, Pilates and the Art Group all having moved back in and regularly letting the hall.

In April we repeated our Pies and Puds event as it proved so popular last year, this was the case again with unprecedented attendance. The ever-popular Plant Sale organised by the Garden Club took place on the 14th of this month.

Regarding an update on the renovation project, since the start we have received total grants of just under £250k, and donations of almost £30k. Building costs to date are circa £268k. Some of the larger items of expenditure include, SIPS panels, the new kitchen and toilets, including a new disabled toilet. The National Lottery withheld £4,000, representing 5% of funds until completion, and they finally released this to us in February. All grants applied for have now been received and used but we continue to investigate any other schemes that may be available to us. I hope you will agree that the hall has moved into the 21st Century - we now have broadband courtesy of a free 2-year deal from Voneus, and a state-of-the-art audio-visual system enabled by generous grants from the Garden Club and from Oxhill Parish Council for which we are very grateful.

We have continued to receive generous donations from members of our community, for which we are also extremely grateful, we plan to recognise these by placing a commemorative plaque in the entrance hall once work is finally complete and funds allow.

We would also like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by the many volunteers who have helped bring the building to this point, in particular the core team of John Bicknell, Lee Robinson, Tony Philpot and Stuart Whittaker who have worked with Richard and myself. To Iain McPherson for fitting the kitchen and to Robin Stanford who laid the patio so beautifully, and to those that have helped when they could painting and other necessary jobs, thank you all, we couldn't have got this far without you!

In February this year, Jo Collings resigned after being Chair of the Committee for several years, and, along with Richard, giving generously of her time and effort in order to bring the hall to the stage it is today. We would again like to recognise their commitment and contribution to the hall, which enables the vibrant life of the community we all enjoy.

Also, in February, the Committee commissioned an independent report into the condition of the hall, in order to be able to plan outstanding works. This identified a number of issues, some merely cosmetic which we were already aware of and some more major, needing either rectification or completion.

A new building group has been set up, reporting to this committee, headed by Lee Robinson. Work has currently halted whilst the group identify the extent and detail of work still required and obtain quotations for this, as there are some items which will need the input of external contractors. If any of you have any skills you think would be valuable, please speak to Lee.

Other outstanding items which we would very much like to complete, but are entirely dependent on funds, are railings around the new patio area outside the French windows and repair to the existing railings, and resurfacing of the car park area. For the time being, the ground at the end of the patio has been raised and planters are being made to put down the long side of the patio to prevent falls.

In order to continue our fund-raising efforts so that we can complete the hall to a high standard, the Committee are considering ideas including the creation of a 100 Club.

This would work by residents signing up to a draw, at the cost of £5 per month, or £60 per year, with half the proceeds going towards the hall and the other half being used for cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place every month. We are gauging interest in such a scheme so if you would like to be part of it, or for more details, please speak to me. If there is enough interest, the club will be announced in the Oxhill News and flyers delivered advertising the new scheme.

Upcoming events are Teas on Sunday 23d June to coincide with the Garage Sale in aid of Shipston Home Nursing, followed by a Family Barbeque on Saturday 20th July. A make-up demonstration evening by Val Garland is planned for early August which we are sure will also prove popular, so please book early.

We will be repeating the Paella night in September, the Progressive Supper in October and the usual Christmas events, but the Committee would like to extend the range of events offered to hopefully appeal to all interests and ages, whilst keeping all the favourites. Ideas currently include a film night and talks. If you have any ideas or there is anything specific you would like to see, please speak to one of the Committee.

My thanks to the Committee for welcoming me as their new Chair and for their ongoing efforts, I look forward to working with you all.

Thanks also to the "Friends of Oxhill Village Hall" for their support, especially for their generous culinary donations and unstinting help at events. We are very grateful and hope to continue to receive your support as our events would not be anywhere as enjoyable or successful without you.

Lastly, I would like to express our thanks to the community for their ongoing support, we all look forward to enjoying the events and activities that Oxhill Village Hall is renowned for, with you.

This concludes my report for the year to May 2024 and I'd like to propose the adoption of this report.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL
INCOME EXPENDITURE A/C YEAR ENDING 31//03/24

2023	INCOME		
£1,550.00	LETTINGS		£2,715.50
	FUNCTIONS		
		MARCH 23 QUIZ NIGHT	£32.44
		PIES & PUDS	£1,098.30
		LESS COSTS	-£166.28
		PLANT SALE	£141.80
		LESS CHURCH DONATION	-£70.90
		PAELLA EVENING	£1,421.36
		LESS COSTS	-£574.82
		OPEN DAY DONATIONS	£123.00
		LESS COSTS	-£38.17
		PROGRESSIVE SUPPER	£1,072.64
		LESS COSTS	-£334.58
		CURRY NIGHT	£1,393.46
		LESS COSTS	-£407.08
		XMAS LUNCH DONATIONS	£717.70
		LESS COSTS	-£358.86
		BEER & BUBBLES	£1,040.87
		LESS COSTS	-£268.42
		BURNS NIGHT	£1,422.54
		LESS COSTS	-£555.22
		ADV. TICKETS 2024 PIE & PUDS	£126.00
£8,745.65		TOTAL FUNCTIONS	£5,815.78
£121,994.86	GRANTS		£59,413.74
£12,750.00	DONATIONS		£10,127.08
	GIFT AID		£4,883.24
£104.32	SUNDRY INCOME		£1,577.46
£91.00	BAR STOCK ADJUSTMENT		-£62.00
<u>£145,235.83</u>		TOTAL INCOME	<u>£84,470.80</u>
	EXPENDITURE		
£642.26	ELECTRICITY	£709.33	
£678.09	WATER & DRAINAGE	£688.58	
£584.96	INSURANCE	£633.77	
£106.24	BUSINESS RATES	£56.15	
£392.00	MOWING	£345.00	
£641.65	REPAIRS & CLEANING	£246.90	
£143.92	STATIONERY ETC.	£423.78	
£114.25	BANK CHARGES	£81.20	
£3,303.37		RUNNING EXPENSES	£3,184.71
£95,500.78	BUILDING WORK TO DATE		£151,072.69
£98,804.15		TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>£154,257.40</u>
<u>£46,431.68</u>	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		
	EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME		<u>-£69,786.60</u>

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/24

GENERAL FUNDS

OPENING BALANCE	£8,482.27
ADD TRANSFER FROM BUILDING FUND	<u>£65,000.00</u>
	£73,482.27
LESS EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	<u>-£69,786.60</u>
	<u><u>£3,695.67</u></u>

BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE

OPENING BALANCE	£71,310.58
ADD TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	<u>-£65,000.00</u>
	<u><u>£6,310.58</u></u>

TOTAL VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

£10,006.25

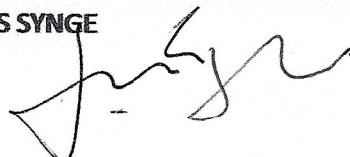
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HSBC BANK ACCOUNT	£9,536.80
PETTY CASH	£28.45
BAR STOCK AND FLOAT	<u>£441.00</u>
	<u><u>£10,006.25</u></u>

AUDITORS CERTIFICATION

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and I certify them to be in accordance with the books, vouchers and information supplied.

JAMES SYNGE

 24-5-24