

Mark Rowell said that we had a successful year in 2023 with a few notable hiccups. The committee met four times in the period since the last AGM: on the same day as the AGM and in July, October and February. Various improvements had been carried out, mainly during the Summer Closure:- Improved lighting outside both exit doors to reduce hazards during the winter period. Improved low-energy LED lighting throughout the halls. Replacement curtain rails throughout the halls. Clear-out of storerooms used by Fetcham Players. Clear-out of scenery stored above stage by Fetcham Players. Clear-out of some old crockery and a crockery donation to Dorking Besom charity. Fitting of cooker hood extractor for cooker in Large Kitchen. Purchase of new Christmas Tree for Main Hall. Celebrations for Ninetieth Anniversary of the opening of Fetcham Village Hall in May 1933 with enthusiastic support from various dance groups and other groups. It was commented that Alan Pooley had been a stalwart of the hall maintenance team and was responsible for and had most knowledge of our heating and lighting systems. We need to ensure that he can have an understudy for all his activities who can take on activities as needed. Alan had health problems at present and we recorded our best wishes to him. The need to advertise our AGM well in advance was raised and like Fetcham Residents Association we should make use of the advertising gantry outside the hall. Tim Hall said that the FRA AGM attracted 140 members and it was standing room only. A number of excellent speakers had been invited, including a speaker from the Surrey Archaeological Unit who described the finds of a dig at Fetcham Springs that had already produced evidence of flint tool working dating back around 5000 years. There was considerable interest in the new village sign outside Sainsbury's and the state of Tudor Motors site was a concern. The need for publicity was noted. This year the AGM had offered tea/coffee and biscuits prior to the start.

Christine Attwood reported that during 2023 we were able to maintain our normal operations with the hope that the Covid pandemic was now well behind us. Income 2023 was a busy year for the hall, maintaining good levels of lettings which brought in almost £38,000, although this was £5,000 down on the 2022 out-turn. Our regular hirers brought in £32,533, compared to £36,725 in 2022. As can be seen that was a drop of £4,192. This was due primarily to losing three regular weekly hirers at the end of 2022; Fetcham Bridge Club, Action Theatre Club and the Friday Afternoon Badminton Club. Oneoff events such as parties, socials etc brought in £5,465 compared to £6,282, a drop of £817. This has, as in recent years, given an approximate split of 85% for regular hirers and 15% for one-off hires. Interest on our Business Saver Account gave us an additional income of £410.46. At the beginning of 2022 we introduced a deposit system for our one-off hires. Once again, we saw a surprising number who did not claim this back, hence £500 has been added to our funds. We welcomed some new regular hirers in 2023; St Mary's Church and Fetcham U3A Pilates, both meet on a Thursday in the John Rumble Hall plus Loving Spanish Surrey who use the Committee Room. We still have weekly daytime slots available in the Main Hall on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Expenditure With regards to expenditure in 2023, our main maintenance expenses were £5,795 for curtain tracks etc, £5,126 for electrical work, and £1,121 for a new thermostat for the Main Hall. Plus, we had the premises valued which cost £2,220. Charges for utilities were £13,654 which was the first full year at the higher prices. This compares to £7,566 in 2022. Hopefully the new thermostat will reduce the gas usage. Our total expenditure came in at £43,824. Once deposits for future events have been refunded, this gave us a loss of £2,457 in 2023. We are still in a good position to carry out necessary works as recommended by the Quinquennial Inspection Report. These will be our priority for 2024

FETCHAM VILLAGE HALL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS

	2023	2022
Lettings	£37,998.95	£43,008.05
Other Income	£0.00	£0.00
Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£410.46	£41.62
Deposits	£2,958.00	£2,270.50
	<u>£41,367.41</u>	<u>£45,320.17</u>

PAYMENTS

	2023	2022
Maintenance	£22,420.94	£14,117.91
Utilities	£13,654.06	£7,566.16
Special Projects	£0.00	£0.00
Administration	£140.89	£134.67
Non Maintenance	£5,237.65	£6,925.78
Refunds/Unpaid cheques	£2,370.50	£2,246.00
	<u>£43,824.04</u>	<u>£30,990.52</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
Total Receipts For Year	£41,367.41	£45,320.17
Total Payments For Year	£43,824.04	£30,990.52
Net Receipts	<u>-£2,456.63</u>	<u>£14,329.65</u>
Bank Funds Brought Forward	£85,742.65	£71,413.00
Bank Funds Carried Forward	£83,286.02	£85,742.65
Bank Balances	£83,286.02	
Less Deposits for future bookings	£500.00	
Plus Payments due from 2023 events	£1,545.00	
Balance at 31 st December 2023	£84,331.02	

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

FETCHAM VILLAGE HALL

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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**Respective responsibilities of trustees
and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

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Date

6-5-2024

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