

Jubilee Hall Annual General Meeting, July 5th, 2023, Chairman's Report

It is pleasing to report that activities are back to normal this year without the need for distancing etc.

We once again hold our monthly Saturday coffee mornings, although two were postponed due to other calls on the venue. Several were themed, Easter, St Valentine, Christmas, with craft stalls; and, of course, the celebration of the Coronation when the hall was liberally decorated in red, white, and blue.

The fiddler's group and the Alnwick pipers regularly meet in the Hall, and they hold very welcome concerts together with guest appearances by other groups, recently we welcomed a wonderful choir from Swarland. The Bowls Club have returned, and we have also enjoyed wine tasting and a very interesting talk by Canon Colin Gough on local personalities. St James, Shilbottle has always been our parish church and we have enjoyed two afternoon teas preceded by a short service and the Christmas dressing of the crib, to continue our tradition of services held in the Hall.

We were thrilled to welcome a wedding reception, the first for some years and delighted that the bridal party had such wonderful weather on the day.

Now to housekeeping. Outside, the east end of the Hall has been pointed. Also some painting has been done and it looks splendid. John Cowen has been responsible for the welcome addition of new storage facilities at the side of the stage and has also overseen the installation of a new sound system. We are immensely indebted to John for the work he has done and quietly does week by week.

Alison Cowen has been in touch with The Georgian Society who have visited the Hall and have been very impressed with the Reading Room which retains so many original features and which had not previously been on their radar. They are advising on décor and the restoration of the fireplace, which at present is boarded up and we hope to have that improved shortly. They are also advising on grants for which we may be eligible. John and Alison are overseeing this.

Regulars to our coffee morning will have noticed that we now have a card reader which we use courtesy of our friends in Swarland. Greg Anderson is also in the process of securing a permanent flagpole and union flag.

We sadly bade farewell to Alison and Stephen Gallico who have moved to the south of England. During their time in the village, they were of immense help to the Committee and we thank them both.

Finally, I wish to thank the members of the Committee and other helpers who make the Jubilee Hall such a beautiful and welcoming place. To our Treasurer Judy, and we couldn't wish for better, to Diane who has taken over as Secretary and "you can't see the join" and to Alison who does so much behind the scenes, compiling the history of the Hall for the Newton and Swarland project; who, with Judy and Diane, attends so many meetings at other village halls, and whose painting skills have kept the Hall looking spick and span. I thank the three wise men, Dudley, Greg, and John for the ongoing maintenance work. John though not a member of the Committee is a valued member of the team and we are very lucky to have them all.

Two other non-committee members who do so much to help are Vivien and Jen. Together with Diane, Judy, and Alison they form a formidable cake making quintet and, of course, we could not do as well as we do without Jen, the Queen of the Scone and bacon butty.

Finally, I must thank all of you who take such an interest in the Hall, by attending events, and helping in so many ways, we are grateful for all you do.

This is a beautiful building and is appreciated by all who use it.

Income	£	Expenditures	£
Balance carried forward:	12129.57	Electricity	389.77
Bake sales/coffee mornings	2738.11	Gas	892.86
Hall Hire	2132.00	Water	33.13
Parish Council Grant	2000.00	Music licence	271.20
Grant from Community Heritage	300.00	Alcohol licence	140.00
Bar takings	277.50	New Sound System (SS)	873.30
Table top sale	213.00	Gift for A.G.	130.00
Compensation from Bank	230.00	Land Registry/storage for SS	154.30
History talk	248.00	Colin Gough (talk fee)	30.00
Wine Evening	345.00	Insurance	862.55
Donations	240.00	Advintage Wines	300.00
		PAT testing	20.00
		Cash for float	60.00
		Cleaner	350.00
Total:	£ 20853.18	Supplies and sundries	982.62
		NNVHC Membership	10.00
		Total:	£ 5499.73

Balance as of March 31st, 2023 = £15,353.45

Comprising: Lloyds TSB Account = £15,331.90
 Cash in Hand = £21.55
 Treasurer: - Judith Williams
 Auditor: - Joan Leslie