

The Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall

Annual report by the hall committee chairman Mervyn Gingell at the public meeting held

The present committee elected from the volunteers who filled out the Parish Council Survey plan, and confirmed an interest in forming a hall committee to run the village hall on behalf of the parish council, (who are the Trustees of the Hall), from which the required Management officers were selected and voted into the positions of chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, secretary, hall manager, booking officer/events manager.

We have been operating as a committee now for just over 12 months since taking on the management of the hall, after the COVID epidemic and getting the hall into operation to the public again. The Hall needed a lot of maintenance especially the electrical system to bring it up to the required specifications as required by our health and safety audit.

We have had a very good year with the Hall committee working together very hard to establish the Hall as a community asset, by keeping the hall hiring fee as affordable to the community as possible to encourage more use of the hall for sports events, parties, regular club activities like badminton Short Matt bowls, Young Farmer club activities, general meeting events for members of the public for coffee mornings, craft workshops and of course the library with its own coffee morning. A regular community lunch is cooked and provided on the premises for the community at a very affordable price for everyone on the second Tuesday of every month. These clubs have helped to bring the community together after the issues of the covid epidemic, with regular events being undertaken in the hall and uniting the community.

Tasks that we have undertaken in the last twelve months to ensure that the Hall is suitably safe and welcoming to all ages of our community are as listed -

We have spent £6,000 pounds having the main Hall electrics and consumer boxes checked changed and updated to conform to the relevant electrical safety standards required as at the present time.

To help with the running cost and the economy of the Hall in this difficult time of the fast-rising prices of electricity and gas which is affecting our running cost, and to play our part in helping to protect the environment, we have changed all our light bulbs and fire warning systems to LED light bulbs.

The exterior walls of the hall, including all the boundary and courtyard walls, were painted by volunteers from the hall committee and from the community to completely bring the outside of the hall into a very attractive and welcoming site to the community and its visitors, this was undertaken at an approximate cost of £980 for paint and materials whereby the lowest quote that we found for professional decorators to do the same task was £7,000.

We have successfully applied for an alcohol licence for the village hall and the Solomon Brown room, this has given us the flexibility to run a bar in the hall when we are undertaking various entertainment functions in the hall for the community.

Use of Local contractors where possible have been involved in replacing and refixing slates on the main Hall roof, undertaking electrical installations and repairs, plumbing and heating issues. Also the hall fire alarms are tested by a fire alarm specialist every six months, and the fire extinguishers are tested every year.

We are actively Looking at the viability of renting the Solomon brown room from the parish council with a view and hope of being in a position to attach it to the main part of the Sir Robert Geffery hall to enable us to have a medium size room with its own bar, so that it can be used as a separate entity by the hall for the community of Landrake to engage in coffee clubs, meet and greet, and of course another medium sized room that we can rent out to groups enabling more possibilities for the local community to meet and undertake group activities, as well as to be used when hiring out the main hall for parties and community dances. With this in mind we have already started fund raising to this goal to allow us to be in a position once we have reached an agreement with the parish council and legalised the hire position, to enable us to cover the cost and to be able to approach match funding bids.

Due to the fact the local pub has closed down, members of the community had asked the hall committee if the hall could be used as a pop-up bar on a regular night of the week to help the community through this period of not having a local pub. We have created a small mobile bar that we can move around the hall and the smaller annex to facilitate suitable use as and when required for various functions, and also as a regular Wednesday evening pop up bar, with the bar staff being all volunteers from the hall committee.

Aims and Objectives for the next 12 months.

To continue to advertise and get the hall fully used as much as possible.

Ensure we continue to update and maintain the hall to ensure it is decorated and in suitable condition both inside and outside.

To look at the possibility of solar panels on the roof to help us with our electrical running cost which are very high at the moment because of the volatile state of the energy supply market. If we go ahead with a solar panel plan and managed to get funding to help with this, we must also ensure that we have a suitable battery storage system so that we can store our own electricity from the use of the solar panels during the day to cut our nighttime running costs down.

We were looking at the Cornwall County Council government levelling up fund and applying for two grants from it to help us with the cost of legal advice, financial advice, architectural advice, and submission of plans to enable the integration of the Soloman Brown Room into the hall.

We will look at widening the access to the whole car park entrance to enable cars to come off the road into the Hall car park and out more safely rather than damaging the vehicles on the hall wall.

Hopefully we will be able to rebuild the back wall by the annex with cement and stone vertically to enable us to have a 300-millimetre wider footpath at the bottom of the wall so as to allow easier and safer wheelchair access for members of the community to the back patio courtyard.

It is our aim if we are successful with the integration of the Solomon Brown room into the hall, we will also renew the halls ageing gas central heating boiler and replace it with a much more modern and cost efficient gas boiler which will run 3 different heating systems for the main hall, the annex, and the Solomon brown room, either individually or altogether when needed.

It's a big ask for the next 12 months, indeed it's a very big project, I would like to thank the present committee for all their very hard work in the past 12 months and getting the hall into a position so that we can look to achieve our goals and aims for the next 12 months. I fully appreciate everything you have done, and I am looking forward to undertaking our aims and objectives as a committee over the next 12 months.

Thank you very much to everyone on the hall committee, and to the volunteers from the community who have been such a great support and help during the last Twelve months

Mervyn Gingell Chairman of the Sir Robert Geffery Hall committee.

Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall. Combined Bank Accounts 1 Apr 22 - 31 Mar 23

Income		Lloyds	Unity Current	Unity Instant	Totals	2021-2022
PCC & Misc		10,626.50	5,263.00	15,997.82	31,887.32	19,117.00
Coffee Clubs		392.00	332.00	158.00	882.00	40.00
SM Bowls Club		390.00	252.00	263.00	905.00	-
Wed Badminton		370.00	145.00	-	515.00	-
Thur Badminton		228.00	132.00	108.00	468.00	-
Young Farmers Club		-	48.00	-	48.00	-
Community Lunch Club		90.00	60.00	-	150.00	-
Hall Hire		331.00	220.00	1,768.07	2,319.07	2,709.00
Library		50.00	180.50	135.00	365.50	-
Function Profit		15.00	1,159.40	473.00	1,647.40	-
Property		-	251.96	-	251.96	-
Bar		-	-	885.60	885.60	-
Total		12,492.50	8,043.86	19,788.49	40,324.85	21,866.00
Expenditure						
Misc and Petty Cash		16,234.28	28.96	15,018.00	31,281.24	26,266.98
External Maintenance		1,354.14	-	-	1,354.14	2,384.50
Internal Maintenance		4,600.13	-	-	4,600.13	219.30
House Keeping		220.29	-	-	220.29	-
Bar		-	-	-	-	-
Fire Systems		874.20	-	-	874.20	228.74
PAT		41.00	-	-	41.00	-
PPL/PRS		66.00	-	-	66.00	25.15
Electric Supply		1,185.20	582.05	-	1,767.25	1,141.73
Water Supply		235.24	90.08	-	325.32	241.16
BT		282.84	-	-	282.84	17.74
Gas Supply		252.00	180.00	-	432.00	631.14
Insurance		-	-	-	-	1,011.66
Total		25,345.32	881.09	15,018.00	41,244.41	32,132.62
Excess		-12,852.82	7,162.77	4,770.49	-919.56	-10,266.62
Opening Bank Balance		14,158.15	0.00	0.00	14,158.15	24,424.77
Plus Income		12,492.50	8,043.86	19,788.49	40,324.85	21,866.00
		26,650.65	8,043.86	19,788.49	54,483.00	46,290.77
Less Expenditure		25,345.32	881.09	15,018.00	41,244.41	32,132.62
Closing Bank Balance		1,305.33	7,162.77	4,770.49	13,238.59	14,158.15
PCC Savings					25,000.00	
Total Worth					38,238.59	39,158.15

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Report of the Auditor for the year ended 31st March 2023

Following the audit of the Sir Robert Geffery Memorial Hall accounts I am able to report that all accounting records and relevant documentation have been made available to me. All Income and Expenditure has been correctly recorded and a true and proper statement of the financial affairs of the Hall was provided for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Ian J Biffen
5th June 2023