



Town Hall report

At our AGM last year, Carolynne Ruffle stood down as Chairman of the Town Hall Management Committee and John Maidman took over. Carolynne served on the committee for more years than even she can remember, and was Chairman for the last six years. We are grateful to Carolynne for her hard work and dedication. She will be a hard act to follow. Thanks also to Martyn Lennard who retired from the committee after many years.

At the beginning of our financial year, Covid restrictions were still in place regarding gatherings indoors, therefore our first letting of the Hall was not until June 2021. Fortunately, we received grants from Braintree District Council to compensate for loss of earnings and from Essex County Council and the Rural Community Council of Essex's Covid Safe Community Buildings Fund for repairs to the windows and doors.

Since June, village activities have gradually started up again. All restrictions were lifted on 19th July and we were delighted that the Horticultural Society were able to hold their Summer Show in August. Sadly, Great Bardfield's Mother and Toddler Group closed as Angela Boyle, who ran the group for many years, moved away and there was no-one to take it over. We would like to thank Angela for all she did for the Toddler Group over the years, and wish her and her husband every happiness in their new home.

Our first fundraising event was the Boules Barbecue at the final of

the Boules Competition on a lovely sunny day in early October. Later that month we held a band night featuring 'Strike School' to mark the official opening of the Town Hall following the pandemic. The evening was a great success and a fun time was had by all.

This year we had another wonderful Christmas Tree outside the Town Hall and were extremely grateful for donations from the Parish Council, the *Bardfield Times* and Bardfield Charities towards the cost. Bardfield Community Choir were unable to hold their usual Christmas Carol Concert inside the Hall due to the large numbers who usually attend. However, the Choir sang carols around the village, ending at the Town Hall in front of the beautifully lit Christmas tree. Mulled wine and mince pies were served to put everyone in the festive spirit.

This March the Town Hall Quiz took place after an absence of two years. Minds were as sharp as ever, and the somewhat challenging questions were ably put together by our renowned quiz-master Iain Graham, with Kate Fox doing the hard work of calculating the scores.

During the summer, Paul Brandl repaired the window frames and doors on the Hall, the CIP and the Cottage. This year the exterior of the CIP, Store Room and cottage will be painted. An electrical inspection was also undertaken and any issues requiring attention were rectified by Spencer Smith.

In December 2021, we opened a 'Community Fridge', giving out food donated by the Co-op which can no longer be sold. The Community Fridge is open on Monday and Friday from 10.00am-2.00pm and on Saturday mornings from 10.00am-12.00. Thanks go to Great Bardfield Co-op for this wonderful initiative, and to Sarah Hymas, the Hall's caretaker, for running it.

Patricia Walsh
Treasurer

John Maidman
Chairman

Great Bardfield Town Hall Management Committee
Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

		2022		2021	
		£		£	
Income & Expenditure Account		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
		Net		Net	
Income	Lettings Village Organisations	3950		3744	
	Letings Casual Bookings	1208		-108	
	Donations from Village Organisations	100		100	
	Parish Organisations Orchestra etc	80		0	
	Boules Competitions	452	62	0	
	Arts & Crafts	98		0	
	Quiz Night	992	457	0	
	Band Night	496	311	0	
	Rent from Cottage	6072		5702	
	Christmnas Draw	0	460	0	379
	Wine Tasting	15			
	Donations & Grants	17667		21868	
	Other Income	1378		4335	
	Total	32507	1290	35641	379
Expenditure					
Direct Expenses	Staff Costs	0	6023	0	6686
	Water Rates	0	109	0	208
	Insurance	0	2284	0	951
	Repairs Renewals & Restoration	0	9640	0	9516
	Electricity	0	2377	0	1397
	Professional & Membership Fees	0	0	0	103
	Heating Oil	0	802	0	291
	Total	0	21235	0	19152
Overheads	Performing Rights Society	0	132	0	400
	Membership Fees	0	132	0	0
	Cleaning Materials	0	53	0	368
	Donations Made	0	-240	0	0
	Miscellaneous	0	806	0	157
	Professional Fees	0	58	0	0
	Bank Interest Paid (received)	0	-5	17	0
	Total	0	936	17	925
	Total Expenditure	0	22171	17	20077
	Surplus Income over Expenditure	32507	23461	35658	20456
Balance Sheet	Fixed Assets Freehold Property at Valuation 2017		1231916		1231916
	Fixed Assets Other		83		0
	Total		1231999		1231916
Current Assets	Debtors		0		0
	Petty Cash		0		50
	Bank Deposit Account		57361		47680
	Bank Current Account		1693		2361
	Total		59054		50091
Current Liabilities	Net Wages		0		0
Net Current Assets			59054		50091
Net Assets			1291053		1282007
Represented by	Property Valuation BF & CF		1211855		1211855
	General Reserve BF		70152		54949
	Surplus / (Deficit) for year		9047		15203
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