

# Parish Council AGM and Village Meeting

## Village Hall Report

14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

As always this has been another busy year for the Village Hall and Community Council. We have undertaken many projects and initiated new events.

We have held our regular popular Saturday events and have introduced some new ones on a Third Thursday namely a board games night, quiz and Kurling. We have had game show quizzes as well as the traditional pub style quizzes. Of all our events the quizzes seemed to be the most popular. The 'Posh Frock' dinner was a lovely evening. Dan, Dorit and Chris did us proud providing a really nice meal. We were treated to George playing the piano while we ate. The coffee caravan visited us once a month during the winter months and was well supported by the two caravan parks, as a few villagers. The local community police officer attended from time to time.

But it was an unusual year in that it is the first time we have had to cancel two events due to lack of interest. The first being the Autumn Supper and Dance the second being a pub games evening. Both of these have been very popular in the past. It would appear that the demographic of attendees and the village is changing and the events they are interested in is changing as well. We held a Jumble Sale this April. We had a lot of donations and the event was very popular. We raised nearly £800.

We did lose two of our regular weekly classes. Both the keep fit class and pilates class closed. However, I am pleased to announce that these are being replaced by an exercise class which will cater for all levels of fitness particularly the less mobile. This class will start on Wednesday 22nd May at 11:15 there will be refreshments after the class. This is a class being set up by 'Active Suffolk' so the first 8 classes will be free. Thereafter the class will be around £7. The second regular class will be an art class on a Thursday 11-1pm. starting on 23rd May. There will be flyers going out in roundabout about both these classes.

The hall has been hired for many parties. It was used by the Naughton Church May fair, the Produce Show and Nedging Church Christmas bazar. BINGO evenings have also been organised by Chris Kearley to raise money for charity and there will be another held on the 29th June.

We do have a leak in the flat roof at the back of the hall. We are raising funds to have the roof repaired. Money raised at the Jumble sale will go towards the cost of a new roof.

One of the biggest projects we have been working on is the outside area. We have planted more fruit trees at the top of the field. We have cleared some of the brambles in the woods. But there is still more to do and we have plans in place to make the field more enjoyable. This will be a long-term project.

The contract for lawn mowing and hedge trimming changed at the beginning of the year. They are on a 3 months trial.

Another project we have been working on is the Boule court. We received some funding for this from BDC. Gary has been working hard on building it with some help from committee members and the village. Unfortunately, the weather has hindered the work but it is nearly finished.

We look forward to the coming months as we have an open-air theatre company 'The Handlebards' coming to perform 'The comedy of errors' in May, A BBQ planned for July, a Quiz planned for September, an Autumn supper dance planned for early October and our popular Christmas Quiz hosted by David in December. The Third Thursday events will continue and we hope to make full use of the Boule court as well.

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