

Nedging with Naughton Village Hall and Community Council

2024/5

Report

2024/25 was a good year for Nedging with Naughton Village Hall and Community Council. We have held several events. Carried out some building repairs and planted trees. The hall has been used for private functions and for regular weekly classes.

Meetings

The committee met on five occasions to discuss and evaluate events, maintenance and financial matters.

Events

In April we had a Jumble sale organised by Julie to help raise money for a new flat roof. We were overwhelmed by how much was donated and the amount we raised. In May 'The Handlebards' a touring theatre company came and performed 'A comedy of Errors' for us. Dan did a brilliant job of getting it organised and advertised. We had a bar and BBQ and almost 100 people attended which was brilliant. There was a BBQ with a rounders match in July. We held two quizzes one hosted David Batt and the other by David Granger. Sadly that was David Grangers last quiz. Unfortunately we were unable to hold our dinner and dance in Nedging Barn as the Barn was not free. Our popular 'Posh Frock' dinner was in November with food prepared by Dan and Chris. Once again we were tread by George on the piano. At the beginning of this year we had a fun Beetle Drive. In March we tried something new a 'Traitors night' organised by Gary. This was a really good night so we will be holding another at some point.

Last year we held our Third Thursday events. We had board games, a quiz and kurling. It was not as popular as we had hoped and decided not to continue with it. These maybe put on as ad hoc events.

Achievements

We did a fair amount of fund raising last year. I have already mentioned the Jumble Sale but we also had a grant to replace the flat roof of the hall which had started leaking. The work was carried August and then the mens toilets repainted. The Boule court was finally completed in

the spring funded from a grant from the previous year. We were able to have a few evenings playing before it became too dark.

Bookings

The hall has continued to be used for three regular classes. Tai Chi on Mondays, Keep Fit on Wednesday and Art on Thursdays. The Hall was also hired by BATS (Bildeston Amateur Theatre Society) for rehearsals for their pantomime. BATS have already booked the hall for their rehearsals again this year. There have also been several private bookings for parties. Unfortunately we did have one party which was left the hall in a damaged state with some repairs having to be made and a toilet set replaced. But on the whole the hall is left in good condition. The coffee Caravan once again used the hall for its monthly visits. They will be back next October for 6 months.

Committee Members

Martin Batt stepped down as both Trustee and Committee member this year and Gary London is stepping down as deputy Chair. We have welcomed Liz O'Connell to the committee but Dorrit Powell stepped down as clerk. We are still looking for a clerk to take the minutes and send out the Agenda.

Future

We are now looking to the future. We have a number of events lined up for the rest of the year. A summer quiz, BBQ and a Dance. We are especially looking forward to the return of 'The Handlebards' who are coming in September to perform 'Much Ado About Nothing' and of course our Christmas quiz.

We have work to do in the field and are hoping to secure some volunteers from the Community Payback scheme to help with that.

Fund raising is a large part of what we do at the hall. We are currently seeking funding to add disabled parking bays at the hall. This will be one of our main objectives for the coming year.

Sheila Goodman

Chair