

## Report of Axmouth Village Hall for Parish Council meeting Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**Committee:** The current committee is made up of Chairman, Vice Chairman (Buildings Manager), Social Secretary, Bookings Secretary and Treasurer. There are also 3 lay members. The Committee has run for one term with the Chairman acting as secretary following the departure of Danny Gates and they are currently advertising for a new secretary, so far unsuccessfully. This will be dealt with at the AGM on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Aims:** The aims of the committee are to raise funds for the upkeep and improvement of Axmouth Village Hall.

**Fund Raising:** Funds are raised by various functions such as

- 93 Club
- Evening Meals
- Axmouth Challenge Run
- Christmas Bazaar
- Short Mat Bowls
- Messy Church
- Hire of small room to Axmouth Children's Theatre and Act 2 for props and scenery storage.
- Marshalling at the Annual Grizzly Run
- Car Parking Fees

Over the last year or so the Committee has formed a partnership with The Friends of Axmouth Church to do joint fund raising functions. This has the benefit of more people attending events and more bodies to spread the workload. A recent such event was The Mega Breakfast which was beneficial to both groups. The Committee has also held joint events with Villages in Action, again proving successful, sadly this years had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Future Fund Raising:** The Committee took the decision at the start of the year to try and change the usual themed meals as they were not being so well attended as previously, the exception being the Trafalgar Night meal which was one of the best held. A programme was drawn up as follows for the year 2013.

- January Axmouth Challenge Run
- Rag Mama Rag in conjunction with Villages in Action Cancelled
- March Grizzly Run Marshalling
- Easter Mega Breakfast with Friends of Church
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Pub Games Evening
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Mega Breakfast with Friends of the Church
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September Bangers/Mash/ Blues music
- October 19<sup>th</sup> Trafalgar Night
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar

**Hall Bookings:** The Committee are always looking for ideas for getting people to use the hall. A recent acquisition was some wood panelling to fit around the bottom of the main hall and committee room in the hope of making the hall more appealing to potential customers. This work will be carried out within the next few weeks hopefully.

## Regular Bookings

- WI Monthly
- Parish Council Monthly
- Messy Church Monthly
- Shortmat Bowls weekly
- Country Dancers weekly
- Pantomime and ACT 2 from July – Feb weekly

## Occasional Bookings:

- Weddings/Funerals
- Christine Badger Lace group
- Garden Furniture Sales
- Children's Parties
- Private Parties
- Church functions

At the beginning of 2012 the Hall lost the playgroup which relocated to Musbury school; they were the main users of the hall.

It was also agreed that due to the storage and transport issues and also the reduction in monetary return that the Paper Store would have to close.

**Finances:** Although the monies raised were down on 2011/12 it was on par with 2010/2011. Overall if there had not had the major repair work to the kitchen roof the finances would have ended the year with only a small deficit. The Finances remain in a credit situation and a full breakdown of these will be available at the AGM on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Copies as usual are made available to members of the public who attend the AGM.

## **2012**

There was a replacement to the water main at a cost of £700 in 2012 and also in 2012 a major repair to the kitchen roof was carried out along with a repair to the front porch at a cost of £5,280 for both.

## **Future Plans:**

- One of the major costs to the Committee is Electricity. Ways will be looked at to try and reduce this cost.
- Due to a gift from Devon in Action it is proposed to start Table Tennis sessions in the hall when the equipment arrives.
- Members are constantly seeking ways of getting the hall used, this is especially so during the daytime. A member of the public did try to set up a games afternoon and craft afternoon but there so few takers that this was abandoned.

**Malcolm Henty**

**Current Chairman**

**Axmouth Village Hall**