



CROMHALL VILLAGE HALL

(CHARITY NO. 287244)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2022

7-8pm

Annual Committee Management Report

This is the first AGM to be held since April 2019 due to the COVID pandemic, which not only prevented 2020 and 2021 AGMs, but sadly caused the suspension of the committee and closure of the hall for most of the same period. Thankfully, with financial support from the Government, the hall has remained viable and has fully re-opened its doors from January 2022. During the period August 2021-Dec 2022 the hall was open for business but covid restrictions meant a reduced service was available.

During this quieter time for hall activities, the committee undertook some hall maintenance-some still work in progress, but mainly the hall floor re-varnished, the front wall re-built and improvement to the exterior lighting. A goal for 2022 is to approach local organisations for support in refreshing the exterior carpark.

It has been a slow start to 2022, user confidence is still low. This was particularly noticeable at the Vintage Coffee Morning where we had less than 20 local residents enjoying the event. Also, we have lost a number of regular hirers, who unfortunately were not able to sustain their hire/events with the COVID restrictions required, or their participants were a vulnerable group. More positively, the Easter event saw families making the most of the sunny bank holiday, with approx. 35 children taking part in the scavenger hunt, crafts and various competitions.

As it is Jubilee year, we hope that offering an outdoor event such as a Street Party, we will see more local residents participating and celebrating together.

As the year moves forward, we hope to run another drinks fair, a pumpkin carving competition, table top/jumble sale and toy fair.

Fund raising

- Vintage Coffee Morning and raffle - £167.20 raised. The committee would like to acknowledge and thank local businesses for their raffle prize donations and support.
- April Easter Extravaganza - £172.50 raised
- Platinum Jubilee - Street Party planned Sunday 5th June 2022

Grants

- A total sum of £9000 was given to the hall as a result of 2 government grant schemes in place, to support businesses during the height of the pandemic. This was provided by South Gloucestershire Council.

- Successful Area Wide Grant application (2019) for the sum of £1000 which has paid for the renovation of the men's toilets and provided a more dignified access to the disabled toilet.
- Successful grant application for the sum of £150 from Cromhall Parish Council to pay for 2 PVC advertising banners, which will help the committee to share forth coming events with local residents.

Hire

Sadly, since Summer 2021 we have lost many of our regular hirers who ran T@3, Yoga, Pilates, Nia Dance, 'Fat-off dance party', 'Two Left Feet' and Whist. The committee recognise that there are 2 contributing factors (reduction in heating during cold weather and chair/table storage) that have made the hall less attractive for Pilates and Whist. These will be addressed by the committee as soon as possible. COVID regulations and 'customer' confidence have had the greatest impact on the dance activities and beyond the committee's control.

Fortunately, there have been many weekend bookings for private parties, a regular booking for a local history group, monthly meetings for the Parish Council and Cromahll Road Safety Project, plus intermittent bookings for various music groups.

Over the next months the Committee will work to encourage more regular hirers, in the hope that evening activities will restart and be on offer to the community.

Hall policies and documents

Our safeguarding policy for both adults and children and the equality and diversity policy have been reviewed and updated for 2022. Available to the public on Cromhall.com.

The halls Terms and Conditions of hire are in the process of being updated, along with the booking form. These will also be available on Cromhall.com by Summer 2022.

General maintenance

The committee ran 2 working parties to tackle issues both inside and outside the hall. This was in preparation for the new lighting for the front and back of the building, plus the rebuild of the front wall. As mentioned earlier, we have completed the changes made to the men's toilets with a much-needed refresh of paint following the renovation. Also, the main hall floor has been sanded and revarnished and the exterior notice board at the front of the building has been given a makeover!

Committee and Trustee Membership

Sadly, we said goodbye to one of our Trustees, local Cromhall resident David Wicks moved out of the area and terminated his position on the committee. Also, we have had 2 resignations from committee members, and a further 2 having a temporary break from committee duties. We currently have 3 Trustees and 7 committee members and recognise that we need to increase membership.