

Jubilee Hall Annual Report – 2024/2025

Registered Charity No: 246762

Chairman's Report

This is the Annual Report of the Jubilee Hall Management Committee for the Financial Year 2024/2025. In other words, from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Since I took over the chairmanship in June 2024, we have seen a period of steady progress and consolidation. In drafting this report I became very aware that the Hall has only continued to provide such excellent facilities thanks to our dedicated band of volunteers.

It is easy to forget that our Committee is made up of volunteers, under the secretaryship of Sarah Gleadell, who continues to provide stability and order to our affairs. The Hall would not be accessible and welcoming without the daily (and often late into the evening) efforts of Sandy Wells. She is the visible representation of our Committee, and the point of contact for, frankly, everything! We could not be better served here, and we all owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

Our banking arrangements have been brought online thanks to Paul Anderson, with his relaxed humour and common sense. He is ably assisted by Angela Webster, with her wealth of banking experience. And during the year we have been joined by Sandy Crole and Keith Fowler, who both bring specialist knowledge and enthusiasm.

Working alongside these trustees and officers are our indispensable support staff, Ella and Hefina Washbourne, who keep the Hall so welcoming, clean and 'spick and span'. Their work often goes unseen, so I welcome the opportunity to highlight their support.

There are many other individuals who provide time and expertise, not forgetting brilliant cake baking! Their selfless efforts are truly appreciated. We thank everyone who supports us; it makes all the difference.

This year I am pleased to report that once again our income has exceeded our expenditure. This is a measure of the effectiveness of our treasurer, Paul, and the hard work of Sandy.

There was no significantly large expenditure on maintenance this financial year. Electricity, telephone/broadband, water, insurance and oil bills make up the bulk of our expenses, and these have been rationalised. But we cannot be complacent, as I highlight further on.

Our reserves and current accounts remain healthy, although as has been said in other years, we are not in a position to fund any major repairs or project.

Please note the excellent reports below, which indicate the positive progress we continue to make, thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers.

Future Challenges

We need to keep on top of maintenance and improvements. Plans are taking shape to upgrade our lighting and kitchen: for these projects we will be seeking grants along with any other external support we can identify. Our overarching aim is to provide the best possible facility for our community.

Andrew Simkins OBE – Chairman, JHMC.

Booking Officer's Report

The figures in the chart below recording the monthly hours booked in the hall for this year are very encouraging because they show a continuation of the gradual increase in hall usage post COVID.

Table 1: Comparison of hours per month usage 2019-2025

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
April	123		6	90	116.5	115.5
May	160		54.5	98.5	107.5	131
June	145		74	103	105.5	129
July	109.5		62.5	63.5	83	128
August	81.5	4.5	73	77	74.5	81.5
September	140.5	20	86.5	91.5	127.5	131
October	148	36.5	88	81.5	97.5	123.5
November	154	5.5	99	100	120	123
December	131		60	70	88	98
January	135		58	87.5	104	111.5
February	138.5		77	97	98	118
March	75		84	119	152.5	143
	1541	66.5	822.5	1078.5	1274.5	1433

Comparing pre COVID 2019 -2020 with this year, there is a difference of just 108 hours, comparing this year with last year, it can be seen that there is an increase this year of 159 hours.

During the year there were a number of cancellations due to bad weather and illness, but it is gratifying that the protracted and extensive road works in Church Street replacing the mains drainage, did not cause any cancellations. Hirers and those attending the groups were determined to keep going despite lack of parking, road closures and diversions.

Regular bookings

There are 14 well- established bookings on the timetable, and it is these that provide the regular income that is necessary for running the hall.

Exercise groups continue to form the backbone of the regular bookings. Nine different groups meet regularly, offering a varied choice of activities to suit different ages, interests and levels of fitness. The short mat bowls group organised a friendly tournament with the Combe Saint Nicholas bowls group and also a competition within their own group for the Coronation Cup. This is to become a yearly event giving the group members something to work towards.

The Ad Hoc group is a self-run exercise and social platform for seniors. This group is informally run, meaning there is no commitment from those attending to have to attend to every class. At the moment, there are 30 plus names on the register and the average number of people attending a session has steadily increased and is now in the mid-twenties.

The Art Group and Art Workshops continue to be popular. It was good to see some of the results displayed in the hall at the Street Fair and again at the very popular Art Exhibition.

The Horticultural Society regularly host interesting talks and their much-anticipated annual plant sale, was once again a great success.

The Bridge group meets regularly as does the Parish Council. The Jubilee Cafe is a monthly event and is well supported. It enables people to get together and socialise whilst enjoying a cup of coffee and a slice of generously donated homemade cake.

Additional bookings

There have been a number of varied and interesting additional bookings that have been well attended. A small group of singers/ musicians hire the hall for private practice and performances as they enjoy the good acoustics that the hall provides. On one occasion they offered a free recital to give themselves the opportunity not only to perform in public but to experience what it is involved in organising a public performance.

The PCC held a 'Thank You Tea', a Lent Lunch and a very interesting and informative church service celebrating Sea Sunday.

The Street Fair committee transformed the hall into Santo's Grotto, and – as ever – ensured that the lighting of the Christmas tree was a memorable occasion for the village children.

A very enjoyable and successful fundraiser for Bristol Children's Hospital raised £1,000. People so enjoyed the friendly relaxed atmosphere, whilst donating towards the excellent cream tea, raffle and tombola.

The hall was used as a control point for an all-day cycling event which was organised by Audax the world's largest long-distance cycling club. A booking called 'Postcards from elsewhere' was an evening of poetry, storytelling and music. Those attending brought their own wine and refreshments and this added to the relaxed informal atmosphere. The event

raised £331, £ 200 of which the performers donated to the hall and the remainder to Mediciens Sans Frontières.

The Street Fair 'Big Breakfast' was the new committee's first major fund-raiser for the 2026 Fair. This was an extremely successful event which raised £650. The hall also provided the perfect venue for a number of family parties and celebrations.

A lecture on blogging was well attended and very informative, as was the talk entitled 'This bird needs you' - an excellent presentation aimed at raising the awareness of the decline of swifts and how the installation of swift boxes and swift bricks could do much to reverse this situation.

There were two polling days and the usual bookings for committee meetings and AGMs

The Committee hopes that with your continued support this upward trend of usage of our wonderful community space will continue. Your input, ideas and engagement are always much appreciated.

Sandy Wells, Booking Officer

Treasurer's Report

I took over the reins in October 2024 and I would like to record my thanks to my predecessor, Bryan Goodman, for his time and patience showing me the ropes. It's been a busy year in the treasury this year.

We have converted from paper to on line banking with Nat West and added a 95 day Notice Account yielding 3.96% at the moment. The net result being we have increased interest received from c.£96pa to c.£1,200pa.

We have negotiated a three year contract with British Telecom where we have achieved a 50% reduction from £60/month to £29.99/month a saving of £360pa.

We have entered into a three year fixed contract with EDF with a 57% reduction in standing charges from £1.395 to £0.60/day and a 30% reduction for electricity from 38.6p to 27p/kWh. Assuming we use a similar amount of electricity this coming year we shall save c.£700.

Hitherto we have been using separate companies for water and sewerage thus paying two lots of standing charges. We have changed to Everflow where we have achieved a 75% standing charge reduction from £170 to £41pa. Overall reductions come to £1,189pa.

Looking ahead we plan to replace the lighting system at a cost of the order of £6,000 which I plan to depreciate over five years.

You have before you accounts for the year. I would be happy to field any questions or comments you may have.

Paul Anderson, Treasurer

WINSHAM JUBILEE HALL ACCOUNTS (CHARITY NO 246762)

	<u>Year ending 31 March 2025</u>	<u>Year ending 31 March 2024</u>	<u>% Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Lottery	1,620.00	2,620.00	
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	
Donations	501.00	345.00	
Grants	0.00	0.00	
Jubilee Hall Café	818.02	742.28	
Yoga	1,731.00	180.00	
Short Mat Bowls	853.00	2,279.00	
Miscellaneous	1,093.50	656.30	
District/Parish Council	1,100.00	500.00	
Pilates	465.00	797.00	
Tai Chi	584.00		
Ballet/Ballroom Movement	1,304.00	1,991.00	
Pre-School/PFA	5.00	24.00	
Parochial Church Council	77.50	45.00	
Horticultural Society	200.00		
Art Clubs	1,076.00		
Bridge Club	530.00		
Table Tennis	326.00	1,374.00	
Aikido	1,466.50		
Ad Hoc Club	528.00	1,530.00	
Themed Film Evenings	31.50	1,098.00	
<u>Sub Total Income</u>	14,310.02	14,181.58	0.91
<u>Interest received</u>	459.98	110.89	314.81
<u>Total Income</u>	14,770.00	14,292.47	3.34

Expenditure

Lottery	730.00	651.00
Utilities	2,621.44	2,506.44
Insurance & Community Council	600.96	1,580.46
Telephone	690.61	796.16
Maintenance	2,648.76	869.35
Cleaning	1,688.87	1,047.75
Cleaning Materials	41.39	136.82
Administration	267.87	725.07
Yoga/Short Mat Bowls	1,050.00	941.19
Themed Film Evenings	0.00	21.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	47.19
Legal & Professional	373.70	0.00

Bank Charges	24.00		
<u>Total Expenses</u>	10,737.60	9,322.43	15.18
<u>Surplus/(Defecit) for the year</u>	4,032.40	4,970.04	(18.87)

Balance Sheet

Current assets

Cash at bank

Barclays Current Account	1,108.47	28,919.34	
Nat West Reserve Account	9,939.24	8,364.52	
Nat West 95 day Notice Account	30,285.26		
Cash Account	213.72	0.00	

<u>Total Cash at bank</u>	41,546.69	37,283.86	
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Prepayments	1,540.47	0.00	
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<u>Total Current assets</u>	43,087.16	37,283.86	
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<u>Current liabilities</u>		0.00	
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Accruals	2,893.38	1,122.48	
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<u>Total Assets/Liabilities</u>	40,193.78	36,161.38	
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Represented by			
Previous years' Surplus/(Defecit)	36,161.38	31,191.34	
Current Surplus/(Defecit)	4,032.40	4,970.04	
<u>Total</u>	40,193.78	36,161.38	