

Jubilee Hall Annual Report –
1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Charity Number: 246762

This is the Annual Report for the Jubilee Hall Management Committee for the Financial Year 2023/2024; in other words from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. This has been a year of major events for the Jubilee Hall and management. In writing this report I have called on the efforts of others, especially Trevor Harris.

In August 2023 John Sullivan stepped down from the JHMC. John has lived in the village for over thirty years and for over twenty of those he had been Chairman of the Jubilee Hall Management Committee. John's loyalty to and support for our village is well known. He has been a marvellous champion for the Jubilee Hall, helping to ensure its success as a much used and well-maintained asset at the centre of village life. His hard work and leadership were to be sorely missed over the ensuing months.

There have been a number of changes to the trustees and officers of the Committee. Chloe Besley, Steve Weller, Karen Whitworth, Trevor Harris, Bryan and Terry Goodman have stepped down from their roles over the past twelve months and we thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Nicholas Milrose joined the committee, but personal circumstances led to him stepping down. We have welcomed three further new trustees: Fiona Vickers, a Parish Council representative and Angela Webster, a Parish Church Council representative. I joined as a co-opted member and took on oversight of the Jubilee Hall Lottery programme, ably supported by Sarah Gleadell.

The other members of the JHMC are: Sandy Wells (Booking Secretary) Sarah Gleadell (Secretary), Paul Welters and Paula Bramley Ball. When John Sullivan resigned he asked Paul Welters to take on the role of Vice-chair, pending the establishment of a chairman.

Working alongside these trustees and officers are our indispensable support staff, Ella and Hefina, and our band of volunteers. The Hall could not function without these stalwart supporters.

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, Bryan Goodman, who steered our finances for 8 years.

There were no large maintenance issues this year. Water, electricity and telephone/broadband bills, insurance and oil make up the bulk of our expenditure. Our reserves and current accounts remain healthy, although, as has been said in other years, we would not be in a position to fund any major repairs or improvement project. This continues to exercise the Committee.

Bollywood Night, our first themed evening for some years, was an exceptional success (largely due to the enthusiastic leadership of Trevor Harris) and we hope to hold similar fundraising events on different themes in future.

One issue has dominated recent discussions of the committee. It became apparent some time ago that that part of an adjoining building needed attention. A review of the situation was conducted by Nicholas Milrose and Paul Welters and a letter to interested parties was delivered in January 2024. By the end of this reporting period the matter had not yet been resolved to the satisfaction of all involved.

Future Challenges

The Jubilee Hall Charity trustees are mindful of their duty to safeguard the integrity of the hall and the associated grounds so generously donated to the village in 1905 by Alexander Hood, and to ensure that the property is preserved with all its rights for the benefit of the people of Winsham, now, and in the future. To this end, at the time of the end of the reporting period, the Committee is currently undertaking a thorough review of all relevant matters and policies.

Andrew Simkins OBE

Chairman, JHMC

Booking Officer's Report 2023-2024

The total hours for this year were 1,274.5. This is an increase of 196 hours in comparison with the previous year and demonstrates the continuing efforts made by everyone to increase the use of the hall since the impact of Covid in 2020 / 2021.

Also notable is that unfortunately a number of hours were lost during the year due to inclement weather and road closures. Without these factors the increase in hours could have been even higher

Comparison of hours per month usage 2019 - 2024

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

The number of groups regularly using the hall has steadily increased but there is still space on the timetable for new initiatives. The management committee actively encourages people to try out new ideas or re-establish previously successful ventures by offering the first three meetings of a new group or activity at a greatly reduced hire charge.

Throughout the year 8 different exercise groups were meeting regularly, so there was a good and varied choice of activities for people looking to maintain or increase their fitness and wellbeing, at the same time as

socialising and practising or learning a new skill. These groups were Aikido, Short Mat Bowls, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, My Ballet, Pilates, Yoga and the Ad Hoc seated exercise group.

The Art Group continued to meet 2 or 3 times a month with a break for the summer. They followed a varied programme of activities and held their very popular exhibition in September. Art workshops were organised and run by a qualified art teacher, and they proved to be very popular. They were particularly enjoyed by those people who hadn't done art before. The new Bridge Group, which started in February, hoped not only to attract people who knew how to play but also those wanting to learn, or those who needed to brush up on their skills.

The Parish Council continued to meet monthly for their regular meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting.

Additional bookings included the Horticultural Society's Annual Plant Sale; they also organized a number of interesting talks. The Street Fair Committee organised a very successful and enjoyable barn dance to raise funds for the next Street Fair.

The Hall's glitter ball and disco lights provided the perfect atmosphere for the Winsham School end-of-term disco which was organised and run by the school PTFA.

Owing to bad weather, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree event relocated to the hall for refreshments and carol singing, accompanied by the Chard Brass Band. The PCC held their Harvest Supper, Lent lunch and Thank You tea.

There were a number of workshops which included making Christmas wreaths and Christmas cards, classical singing and flower arranging. There were two very successful children's parties, one of which hired a bouncy castle which was a great success, also there was a celebration of the life of John Payne who had been headmaster of Winsham School for many years.

What were much missed were the live stage performances written and produced by Stella Abbey and performed by the Winsham Players. In an attempt to revive interest and hopefully find new talent, an evening of films showing some of the past productions was organised by some of the remaining members of the Winsham Players. This made for a very enjoyable and nostalgic evening particularly for those actors in the audience who had been in any of the productions.

There were two events that particularly stand out, the flamenco dance evening: Salud from Valencia, who teaches the Friday My Ballet groups, entertained 50 + people to an hour of Spanish dance whilst they enjoyed a supper of tapas and wine. The Bollywood supper evening organised by the Jubilee Hall committee was a phenomenal success - as well as excellent food there were film clips, demonstrations and teaching of Bollywood dancing, a quiz and a best sari competition. This event marked the committee's commitment to reintroduce themed suppers into the hall's programme for both enjoyment and fundraising.

The Committee hopes to continue this upward trend of usage of this valuable community space, through its efforts to support existing users and encourage new initiatives. We welcome support from the wider Winsham community with your ideas, engagement and use of the Hall for your celebrations, momentous occasions, learning and leisure.

Treasurers Report Year 2023-24

This year I am pleased to report that once again our income has exceeded our expenditure this year by some £4,697 although our income has fallen by some £3,000 to £14,206 (remember last year we had the £5000 bequest from Audrey Middleton)

Regrettably, our Lottery income decreased by £310 to £2,620 despite once again doing a letter drop to all residences in the village (and some outside). It was good again to see newer people to the village buying into the lottery and hopefully they will continue to purchase tickets in future years as the Lottery does constitute our main fund raiser.

Our first Themed evening for some years, the Bollywood Night, was an exceptional success, adding in £1,098 due in no small part to the magnificent organising effort put in by Trevor Harris and supported by members of the Committee who provided the exciting food choices.

Our Ballet and Movement groups, Aikido, and Yoga are the leading contributors but ably supported by the other groups that use the Hall.

Our Short Mat Bowls Club players have continued to improve their standards however it would be nice to increase membership to make the club more viable. We have now reached a competence level where we are starting to invite other teams to friendly matches, our first will take place at the end of June against Thorncombe.

Our new Pilates group continues to build numbers and our long running Yoga group is beginning to increase in numbers and reverse the decline of a couple of years

On the Expenditure side we have reduced this from £15,135 to £9,509

There were no large maintenance items this year and hence we only spent £870 on maintenance. The items of water, electricity and telephone/broadband bills, insurance and oil make up the bulk of the expense. We may have to consider asking the Parish Council to increase their block payment for unlimited use of the Hall.

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

Reserve Account 31/03/2024 £ 8,264.52

Current Account 31/03/2024 £28,640.65

Total 31/03/2024 £36,805.17

JUBILEE HALL ACCOUNTS 2023-24

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

REVENUE

2022-2023

2023-2024

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 2,930.00 | Lottery | 2,620.00 |
| 0.00 | Gift Aid | 0.00 |
| 5,526.91 | Donations | 325.00 |
| 0.00 | Grants | 0.00 |
| 36.14 | Interest | 88.62 |
| 2,086.00 | Yoga/Short Mat Bowls | 2,279.00 |
| 695.71 | Jubilee Hall Cafe | 742.28 |
| 330.00 | Market Place | 180.00 |
| 788.50 | Misc | 656.30 |
| 780.00 | Parish/District Council | 500.00 |
| 638.00 | Pilates/Tai Chi | 797.00 |
| 1,513.00 | Ballet/Ballroom/Movement | 1,991.00 |
| 0.00 | Pre-School/PFA | 24.00 |
| 71.00 | PCC | 45.00 |
| 652.00 | Hort/Art/Bridge/Book/TT | 1,330.00 |
| 989.00 | Aikido | 1,530.00 |
| 60.00 | Themed/Film Evenings | 1,098.00 |

17,096.26

14,206.20

EXPENDITURE

2022-2023

2023-2024

695.00

Lottery

651.00

2,605.58

Utilities

2,568.96

1,532.63

Insurance & Community Council

1,580.46

691.13

Phone

796.16

6,742.72

Maintenance

870.50

769.17

Cleaning

1,168.75

106.22

Cleaning Materials

163.30

571.86

Admin

700.67

1,421.61

Yoga/Short Mat Bowls

941.19

Themed/Film Evenings

21.00

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Misc

47.19

15,135.92

9,509.18

1,960.34

TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT

4,697.02
