



RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL

Annual report to the Parish Council 2020

Dear Councillors,

This year has come to an abrupt halt due to national crisis with Covid-19 it has curtailed several of our planned events and those of others who use our facilities. But up until this point the Village hall was fairing well.

As usual I cannot provide definitive financial figures for the 2019-20 year as we have yet to have had them audited and have yet to hold our AGM which currently is on hold until the situation becomes clearer. But I can say that the village hall remains in a financially healthy state.

The major user of the hall is the Grade Ruan Under 5's group, they continue to use the main hall plus the lower rear room for their under 2's group on 4 days a week during term times. As you may expect the use and events held in the hall evolve with time, since the last report we have also played host to the Autumn Show and the Ruan Revellers latest production. Along with this we have been the venue to some family gatherings and has been used for a couple of churches together events. We continue to have a weekly Clinical Pilates class which is popular. The Short mat bowls club continues to meet twice weekly but unfortunately the number of regular people attending has dropped markedly mainly due to the age demographic.

We had a busy Christmas period once again this year with a community evening with entertainment from an ad hoc male Choir, various markets, Giant raffles and hampers this was all for our elected charity which this year was Head's up Cornwall, this is a mental health charity based in Cornwall for Children in Cornwall. This raised over £700

The monthly hall quiz is still a popular event and attracts between 30 and 50 people all aiming for a chance to hold a coveted trophy for the month and a tin of sweets between them! We are very grateful to Caroline Ferrari and Lorraine Scott for setting the monthly questions.

Our major income stream remains the weekly Thursday market this continues to be supported well seeing regulars coming from all around the peninsula. It has become a social event for most that come to catch up, gossip and drink coffee and partake in a bacon sandwich. We have regular stall holders whose numbers do fluctuate for various reasons.

The Snooker room continues to have regular use by a broad spectrum of users, this year they once again fielded two teams in the local league which saw regular weekly matches with other clubs around the district. A good cup run was achieved by the A team, but alas the season has been cut short so final placings are as yet unknown.

We have replaced and upgraded several pieces of equipment in the hall including the microwave which we gained grant funding from our Cornwall councillor's community chest. We continue to embark on a project to upgrade the hall with a particular focus on its thermal retentive properties. This is a big project and has seen us gain various statements from users of support plus we undertook a survey through the Grade Ruan Gazette, the aim of this is to build a strong case for the project to gain grant funding. The project could need funding to the tune of £80,000 but we can only do as much as the funding will allow.

One of the few downsides to the hall is that the management group is getting smaller and we are finding it harder to find volunteers to aid in the running of the village hall events we have run with only four elected trustees for five years now and representatives from the various groups listed in our scheme agreement are extremely limited.

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