

**SWANLAND VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 17 JULY 2014**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The past year

I am pleased to be able to report once again that the hall had a successful year. Bookings of the hall have continued at a high level, from both residents of Swanland, and from elsewhere. The facilities of the hall are of a very high quality and continue to attract hirers to use what is probably the best public hall in the area.

During the past year we have seen another increase in the number of wedding receptions being held in the hall. Our excellent rooms and facilities provide an attractive and very reasonably priced venue for such events. Forward bookings for weddings are very encouraging.

As will be seen from the accounts, the finances of the hall continue to be very satisfactory. A net income of £10,747 (2012: £5,311) was achieved in the year ended 31 December 2013. The treasurer, Allan Quarterman, will give further details when he presents the Annual Report and Accounts later in the meeting.

Board of trustees

During 2013 there were a number of changes to the board of trustees. Mark Hazard, Treasurer, and Michelle Pollard, Secretary, resigned. I thank both Mark and Michelle for the work that they did whilst trustees.

Mark was replaced as a trustee and as Treasurer by Tessa Williams and, after the year end, Colin Hill was elected as a trustee and Secretary.

Towards the end of the year Priya Manoharan was elected as an additional trustee.

Since the year end Barry Maddison and Tessa Williams have resigned and have been replaced by Razia Wilson and Allan Quarterman. Allan also acts as Treasurer.

I thank Barry and Tessa for their contribution to the work of the board of trustees and welcome all the new trustees to the board.

PV Panels

The pv panels on the roof of the hall, which were installed during 2011, continue to generate sufficient electricity to significantly reduce the cost of our electricity consumption.

Working parties

During the year we have continued to hold regular working parties at which trustees and other volunteers carry out care and maintenance jobs on the hall. Volunteers are always welcome on these occasions.

CCTV

Towards the end of the year the board took the decision to upgrade the cctv system and the work was carried out early in 2014. The new system has already proved its worth having provided video evidence to the police to enable them to apprehend and deal with a number of youths who had vandalised the flower baskets outside the hall.

The future

We are fortunate in having an enthusiastic and dedicated team of trustees who work tirelessly for the good of the village hall and thus serve the residents of the village.

The trustees will continue to manage the village hall for the benefit of all inhabitants of Swanland. We are always on the lookout for new trustees and would be very pleased to hear from anyone who feels that they would like to be considered for appointment as a trustee.

Godfrey Burley
Chairman
17 July 2014