

**SWANLAND VILLAGE HALL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday 18 JULY 2013**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31 December 2012.

**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 £5,311 was achieved in the year ended 31 December 2012. The treasurer, Mark Hazard, will give further details when he presents the Annual Report and Accounts later in the meeting.

**Board of trustees**

During 2012 a long standing, founding trustee, our secretary, Ian Macfarlane, indicated his intention to retire at the 2012 annual general meeting. Ian had been a very valuable member of the board of trustees ever since the hall opened.

Ian was replaced as a trustee and as secretary by Michelle Pollard who was elected as a trustee from 26 April 2012.

A further new trustee, Barry Maddison, joined us as a trustee on 6 December 2012.

**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.

**Table-top sale**

During 2012 we held the first of our successful table-top sales in the hall. This function served two purposes, firstly, as a fund-raising event and, secondly, as an opportunity to show the residents of the village what the hall has to offer.

## **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  
18 July 2013