

West Haddon Village Hall AGM 25/6/25
Chairman's Report

I offer this report with a feeling of pleasure that the Village Hall has had a good year, that this committee has overseen a number of enhancements, and that the hall is valued by our village. Most recently we enjoyed the Spring Flower Show, inspired by Ann and John Varley.

I will pick out some of the improvements we have progressed:

- Alcohol licence: hirers no longer need to apply for their own licence, they now have the permission and responsibilities contained in our premises licence.
- Show Time and building rewiring: we will run these two projects together to ensure we combine the stage lighting and the enhanced environmental needs of hirers. A subcommittee with West Haddon Players is progressing this.
- Sunday teas: building on Molly's first year success, she now has a team of bakers supporting the project every Sunday, 3 – 5pm through to 21st September. Come and enjoy – yes that's you!
- Fridge freezer: we have replaced the old equipment with a new fridge and a fridge freezer with their improved appearance and cool confidence.
- Glasses and crockery: we had a major sort out to dispose of the old and miscellaneous crockery, and bought a full complement of wine and beer glasses.
- Stage curtains: Volvina came to consult with West Haddon Players and ourselves; we will propose replacement with like for like curtains which will meet fire resistance regulations.
- Committee room refurbishment: an example of how some projects defer when other priorities come forward – we are part timers!

And just two smaller examples – the hanging baskets are starting to bloom, supported by a temporary fix to the irrigation system, and the presentation Millenium clock has had its quarter-century service.

Of course there are more items discussed at the officers' monthly working meetings which ensure both, that urgent matters are not delayed, and we keep track of the slow burners.

Often unseen, but essential to the favourable impression the hall makes for hirers, our cleaners attend at times that fit with convenience between hirings. Considering the variety of use and potential for a dirty floor, our cleaners are the front line of our customer satisfaction and I record our thanks here.

Thanks for the commitment of our trustees (committee members), and also to our officers who deal with matters large and small to make the Village Hall an asset to our community. I name them here: Nick who took over as Booking Secretary one year ago, Molly whose conscientious work as Treasurer gives us financial confidence, and our Secretary Liz who has never stepped back from an issue and is pro-active in pursuing our aims. I take pleasure in being alongside them.

Richard Lilleyman
Village Hall Chairman