

Great Easton Village Hall Chairman's Report - March 2022

The Covid19 pandemic continued to have an impact on the operation of the hall last year. The hall re-opened for bookings from 17th May, but didn't see a great deal of use until the middle of summer.

We have lost a couple of our long standing groups due to changing personal circumstances, exacerbated by the pandemic; most notably Line Dancing and the Women's Institute, however we have been fortunate to welcome some new groups into the hall.

Whilst our bookings have been down this year, the government grants have left us in a comfortable financial position although the need to get the crumbling stone work repaired on the front of the hall has led us to be cautious about any spending until we have a final price for this work.

This year we have welcomed the Walk on the Wild Side platinum jubilee initiative who have run several successful workshops and also installed a large "bug hotel" in the corner of the garden.

Thanks to the regular Garden Task Force who kept the garden in good order throughout the year, either individually or as a team when permitted. We hope to be able to make some significant alterations to the garden this year, depending on the work to the front wall.

The archive room now has storage in place and is becoming home to the various documents and items that have been held in people's homes around the village. The History Society are cataloguing the archive and this will undoubtedly be a valuable resource for future generations. Many thanks to Alice for leading this project.

As always, I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing help and support through this year. We have not had any fundraising events to organise again this year, but have had to continually review our processes to ensure we are able to offer a Covid safe environment.

Finally, I would like to thank the Crafternoon group who kindly donated the hanging baskets and also the following for their kind donations:

- Margaret Stamp from the sale of the Great Easton Calendars
- Lorna Bryant (100 Club winnings)
- Rev. Steven Bishop