

GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
24 APRIL 2024

Meeting commenced at 2pm

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Tim Smith/Alice Murdock/Teresa Chapman/Sue Peet/Louisa Feltham/Margaret Stamp/Lorna Bryant/Kay Mitchell

Apologies: Eve Atkin

Guest: Mandy Law

2. MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Read and agreed.

Minutes available on Website

3. MATTERS ARISING - None

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Great Easton Village Hall Chairman's Report - April 2024

We have seen some changes to the Village Hall committee this year, where we have said goodbye to long serving members Sally Armstrong and Vikki Halliday and welcomed Sue Peet, Teresa Chapman and Eve Atkin (our new Treasurer). We have also welcomed Jemima Salvi who has taken over as interim cleaner. The search for a new cleaner continues. It is interesting to note that this has been a continuing issue for the hall whenever the position has become vacant, as inoted in the history of the hall

“After the War the hall experienced difficulties in the search for caretakers. The post became vacant at frequent intervals and rarely, if ever, were any replies received in response to advertisements. However, the Hall Committee usually found someone to do the job.”

Improvements to the hall this year include a new notice board, new stage extension blocks and some major work to (hopefully) resolve the blocked drain issue in the store room.

We held several successful events this year; the Coronation Big Lunch was well attended as was the Midsummer Sunday event and the Big Banger Quiz in November was a sell out.

Our bookings continue to be steady this year, with several private bookings along with our regular groups.

We agreed to a further increase in our rental prices from April 2024, following on from our increase last year, however we have significantly simplified the pricing structure, with a flat rate over the whole week.

As always, I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing help and support throughout this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Crafternoon Group who kindly funded the hanging baskets, and the following for their help this year:

- Alice and Andy Murdock for running the Big Banger Quiz
- Rectory Farm for supplying and cooking the Big Bangers at the quiz
- The Garden Task Force for keeping the garden in good order
- Kevin Chapman for his work on the new notice board
- Lastly, this has been my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Chair (10/03/2014), and 14<sup>th</sup> year (29/03/2010) on the Committee. I intend to step down at the end of this year (unless anyone wants the post now?). It has been a pleasure serving on the Committee over this time and I will of course still be providing IT support to the Village Hall.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

As we have only recently welcomed a New Treasurer to the Committee, the Treasurer report was unavailable.

Committee members received an email with an outline of our current budget position and expenditure.

Crafternoon. Alice reported that his year Crafternoon has met 11 times and raised £137. Items purchased were Hanging Basket Plants, 3 Kitchen Stock Pots, Leaving Gifts for both Cleaner/Caretaker and Treasurer. There is currently £97 left in the kitty.

6. CARETAKER'S REPORT - Unavailable

Following the resignation of the previous caretaker, we currently have a temporary Cleaner/Caretaker in place until September.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tim has agreed to stand as chair for one more year - Alice nominated Tim and seconded by Margaret  
Alice agreed to stand as deputy chair. she was nominated by Tim and seconded by Lorna  
Eve was nominated as Treasurer by Tim, seconded by Alice  
Kay agreed to remain as Secretary, nominated by Sue seconded by Margaret

8. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (including new members and resignations)

Tim Smith - Chair  
Alice Murdock - Deputy Chair  
Treasurer - Eve Atkin  
Secretary - Kay Mitchell  
History Society Rep - Margaret Stamp  
GELT Rep - Louisa Feltham

9. AOB  
None

Meeting Ended 2.20 pm