

This has been another eventful year.

We have been very well supported by new regular bookings especially in the dance sector; do have a look at the calendar to see the bookings. Similarly, what were once empty notice boards around the main hall are now almost filled by clubs and organisations that use the hall.

We have continued with the upgrading of the structure and infrastructure; 2 of 3 phases of sewer replacement has been successfully finished thanks to the work of a local builder, Sean Harber and his men.

The gable end window of the main hall has been replaced. the entrance corridor and hallway has had a decoration, but there is more to do. We are about to put up Swift boxes on the N gable.

We continue with a 100 club which raises several hundred pounds and we are grateful to Angela Day for organising this. The Cinema came back after covid and thanks to a great series of films being released we are making a good profit. That is not the aim of the cinema but it has been a welcome source of income. If we break even we are pleased but if everyone has had a good evening then we are delighted. Financially we are in a good position. The parish council have gained confidence in the committee and we are very grateful for their continuing and increasing support over the years.

Since becoming chairman 10 years ago, with this committee, we have commenced and now completed a programme of refurbishment. There is probably just the sewer to finish and some smaller jobs too. We are about to advertise for a manager, something I have put off till now because it will be down to me to organise it and at last I feel I have the time and the answers we have needed. I think the committee will be entering a new phase of maintenance rather than refurbishment and *so a new outlook will be needed.*

It may be that some new construction will be required for an office. The car park may need some levelling.

I am most grateful to the committee members who put lots of time into this hall. We have others who volunteer their services as and when needed but we are short of people prepared to take up positions with responsibilities. This is a feature of our times.

Nigel Drane