

## **STOKE FERRY VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall (VH) had their AGM October 2021. We had NO members of the public attend, but since then we have had a new member join us which is what the VH needs. The VH Committee would like more New members to come and join our little team and help when needed with the running of the VH.

The VH is now back up and running since Covid-19, with lots of bookings coming in for parties and events as well as the regular weekly bookings and monthly bookings.

The Bingos are running every week and are supported well with numbers rising up to 90 attending on Sundays. The Bingos run every week but alternating Saturdays one-week Sunday the next.

The biggest issue the VH are having is the Car Parking situation. There is a space at the side of the VH earmarked for a car park. Due to unforeseen circumstances the car park has been put on hold because the developers went bust. Although, saying this whom ever takes the land on must give us the car park as this is in the plans.

The Village Hall Committee would like to say a HUGE thank you to those who always bring bits and bobs to sell and any Raffle/Bingo prizes, this is very much appreciated.

We are grateful to everyone who books and uses the Village hall and the Committee thank everyone for Supporting us.

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Dear Parish Council

I write to inform you that over the past year we have had few Fundraising events following on from the relaxing of the corona virus restrictions.

Towards the end of these we were able to have a fun day at the tail end of last summer where we were able to raise some much-needed funds. We raised a total sum of £951.00, which we were very pleased to raise and our thanks to all involved especially the main organisers.

We still had to have the insurance which was expenditure and was very grateful for the donation of this. We also had the ROSPA inspection of which all aspects that were highlighted and needed to be resolved have been. This year's Inspection is due to happen in the next few weeks. We have had to remove one of the cars which was removed as it had been ripped out of the ground, resulting in it needing to be re-installed at our cost.

There were also some great achievements made from some of the committee members who worked hard and managed to acquire some grants towards the improvement of our facilities. A big thanks to those involved and to the Lottery fund who awarded this grant to install new windows, doors and cladding to be installed to the outside to make this more aesthetically pleasing along with improving the life of the building. The works are due to start in the near future.

We continue to pay the electric and water bills which are now all on the increase as most of us are all too aware of.

We will continue to raise funds for all of the above in the coming year and have events planned in the near future such as the Jubilee celebrations, August bank Holiday fun day and also Sports days that are to be held on the last Sunday of each month throughout the summer and if the weather permits. We have had one of these so far which raised a small amount of funds and gave a lot of people a lot of fun as we had a good turnout.

A big thanks goes out to all involved in the setting up and running of all the events mentioned above, as well as the committee who give their time for the improvement of facilities within the village. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers who would be willing to assist the committee.

We will look to be holding an AGM this year, where all those who wish to help and volunteer in the future can offer their services.

Kind Regards

Matt Kenny

Secretary

On behalf of Stoke Ferry Playing Field Committee