

## **Golant Village Hall – Chairman’s Report AGM March 2024**

This is my first Annual Report having taken over as Chairman a year ago. I have to say that it is very satisfying to take over at the point when so much very hard work had been completed to ensure that the Hall is the warm, attractive and comfortable venue it now is. So many thanks to Paul Meredith and everyone else involved in that hard work.

This year has seen a wide range of activities within the Village. Following on from the great success of the Jubilee Street Party in 2022, the Village Hall co-ordinated the Coronation Picnic on the Green. Another grand turnout of villagers and friends to celebrate the day. And many thanks to Carol, Martyn, Fayre and Sue R for arranging picnic deliveries to those unable to get to the Green. The Good Friday Egg Hunt was also much enjoyed.

GRADS are back to the regular schedule of Panto alternating year by year with a Revue, and both continue to attract talented participants and excellent audiences. GRADS added to their 2023 programme with a splendid and well attended Murder Mystery.

The Flower and Produce Show was a great success in terms of numbers and quality of entries. We are grateful for the donation to Village Hall funds from the event, with its raffle and auction.

The Playground appeal, initiated through the Parish Council, led to a number of additional activities being held in the Village, as one-off events as part of the fund raising.

Village groups remain regular users of the Hall, and it is good to hear from them the extent that the Hall is felt to be a warm and comfortable place to meet.

Fayre and Carol continue to do a splendid job in arranging coffee mornings and the Soupe Populaire, which are well appreciated by regular attendees.

The Hall is now also a regular venue for Friends of the Fowey Estuary talks, and we have had a number of other talks given in the Hall on topics relating to the natural environment.

We had good weather again for the Carnival, and the Carnival committee once again staged a fine event with enthusiastic participation by adults and children alike. A magnificent standard of fancy dress was again achieved by the evening participants.

C-Fylm provides a sociable Friday night occasion. The film on the village green was enjoyed by a good, well wrapped-up audience

The upgrading and refurbishment work on the Hall was completed with the painting of the fascia boards and installation of a new set of lights round the gable. When the internal upgrades were being completed the Committee did an internal and external inspection of the Hall and identified quite a long list of minor actions needed. I am pleased to report that these actions have all now been completed. So we can now enjoy, we hope, a period of uninterrupted use of a very comfortable venue, with only minor maintenance required for some time.

Village Hall finances are in a satisfactory position. The upgrading work and the failure of the old heating system resulted in a major programme of expenditure up to 2023. These high costs were largely covered by fund raising for the work on the toilets and grants received. As a result, we are in a suitable financial position to handle issues such as rising fuel costs.

The full set of Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments required for operation of the Hall as have been reviewed and updated. They will continue to be checked for any need for minor change on an annual basis, but all necessary documents are in place.

There have been changes in the Committee. Annie Budd stood down as Chairman and Louise Jordan as Secretary at the 2023 AGM, and Estelle vd Broek also stood down after many years on the committee. Many thanks to all of them for all their hard work.

Jackie Smith has replaced Louise as Secretary and Martyn Hardy and Chris Stead have both joined the Committee. Many, many thanks to them for joining to help keep the Hall functioning well and providing the service that our wonderful parishioners deserve. And thanks also to the parishioners for supporting the Hall both by donations and attendance at events.

David Bonsall