

Bourtons Village Hall - Chairman's Report 2022

As we moved into 2022 the spectre of COVID began to diminish in our daily lives. We moved to the new normal with restrictions being withdrawn. Bookings returned from our regular supporters of the hall and some new groups. The big breakfast in September was particularly pleasing and well supported by the community. The hall hosted the Claude Bourbon guitar concert which attracted a full house and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The AGM saw two of our active committee members retiring. On behalf of the committee, I would thank Bobbie Brown and Kay Jennings for their active support through the trials and tribulations of COVID. The committee were delighted to welcome Trish Cornley. However, we would welcome more committee members from within our communities.

Changes to the hall covered more local photographs, refreshing the paintings kindly loaned by Janice, Jenny, and Michele. A new four plate hob was installed in the kitchen. The committee decided to continue the weekly clean of the hall and to maintain the lessons learned during COVID. Despite advertising that the hall could provide a warm space throughout the winter we had no takers, which in retrospect was encouraging.

The committee now focus their attention on securing an extension to the hall lease which is up for renewal in April. We look forward to engaging in positive negotiations with the Parish Council to ensure the long-term future of the hall.

Finally, I would like to thank Maggie, Margaret, Trish, Chris, and Paul who have supported me in 2022 and look forward to their continuing commitment.

Geoff Tyler
Chairman Bourtons Village Hall Management Committee
3 January 2023