

## **Yaxham Village Amenities Association**

### **Report for Yaxham Parish Council Annual Meeting – May 2022**

We are pleased to report that, after lockdowns and an enormous reduction in activities in general, things are looking up at Yaxham Village Hall. Regular bookings have increased, as well as bookings for parties, many of which are for children.

In the past year we welcomed three new and one returning trustee. Sadly, Lucy Vincent, who had been a Treasurer and a Trustee for more than 11 years, resigned in March. Lucy has been a great supporter and continues to volunteer at the Community Café and other events. Although we do not have a Chair, we are a team of 8 trustees who work together well.

Our Community Café run coordinated by myself and Julie Couves, has been able to open consistently twice a month, we have an established team of volunteers from both the YVAA trustees and the local residents. We find there is a consistent attendance from local residents but we are also seeing residents from Mattishall, Westfield & Hingham at least once a month.

The Café team are also organising a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. A picnic on the field with family games and entertainment. We are Thankful to the PC Charity for its generous donation towards the costs for running this event.

The Café team will be supporting refreshment provision for the Church Craft & produce show.

The craft fairs run last year will be reduced to just 1 at Christmas due to personal commitments of the organiser.

YVAA organised events such as the quiz night, have been reinstated and have proved popular, and we have also been able to hold 2 Bingo nights which have also been very successful. Each event also aims to support charitable donations to other organisations.

To improve the hall booking system and equal charges for all users, historic hire rate variations have been scrapped.

We are also currently monitoring the effect of cost of living increases as we are expecting to have to increase hall hire charges in respect of this.

Although Covid restrictions have been lifted, we continue to allocate 15 minutes before and after each booking to enable cleaning to be carried out and time for groups to vacate the hall prior to the following activity.

We ended the last financial year in a sound position, which encouraged us to arrange for windows that have deteriorated to be replaced; the work will be carried out in June and early July over weekends when there are no bookings.

We are currently in the process of updating mandatory policies that are required for organisations such as ours. Once in place, we will be in a good position to make grant applications for funds to make further improvements.

Louise Dye, behalf of the Trustees