

Orwell Village Hall Management Committee



Our June and September call for volunteers to come on board with the committee met with a resounding silence. You may have strong views on how the village hall is being run or on its future, so why not apply that interest and energy to the cause? The commitment is not onerous – we meet perhaps three or four times each year – but it's good to share the load and fresh insight and input would be welcome. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please email the Secretary (contact details below). Minutes of past committee meetings can be viewed at www.orwellvillagehall.com.

Turning to what the committee has been up to, our beautiful new stage curtains have been hung and a new rear door and keypad are being installed. This will allow independent access to the TOPS Room at the back of the building. Hirers of that space will no longer have to walk through the main hall, possibly disturbing an unrelated activity.

On the bookings front, we have been pleased to welcome one or two new groups as well as a growing number of one-off hirers. As an example, it was good to hear the hall was filled to capacity for a Tina Turner tribute show in October, possibly for the first time since the pandemic ended. We look forward to hosting many such events in the future.

All told, the hall continues to at least break even on a month-to-month basis despite continued increases in running costs. Our reserves are sound; however we consider it prudent to pause further major expenditure now that these recent upgrades have been completed.

The next meeting of the committee will be on 30 November, too late for this edition of the Bulletin. At this meeting we will start to sketch out our plans for 2024 and I look forward to setting these out in the March 2024 edition.

On behalf of the village hall management team may I end this last article of 2023 by wishing fellow trustees, our hirers and indeed the whole village a happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

For more information, including about how to hire the hall, visit the Orwell Village Hall website at www.orwellvillagehall.com

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