

Orwell Village Hall Management Committee



This update starts with an appeal. Would you like to get involved in the running of our much-loved village hall? If so, would you consider joining the Orwell Village Hall Management Committee? The commitment is not onerous – we meet perhaps three or four times each year – but it is always good to share the load and fresh insight and input is always 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, by the time you read this article, new stage curtains should have been hung in the hall. We are quietly confident that these will be the crowning glory to the redecoration and installation of new lighting, completed in recent years.

It is also likely that a new rear door will have been installed. This will not only serve as a fire escape but will, for the first time, allow independent access to the TOPS Room at the back of the building. Accordingly, hirers of that space will no longer have to walk through the main hall, possibly disturbing an unrelated activity.

As promised in our March Bulletin article, we have settled on a new projector screen for the hall. We hope that once installed, this will greatly improve the viewing experience of the Film Club and any other hirer needing to use our projection facilities.

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. This means that financially the hall is now at least breaking even on a month-to-month basis despite a significant increase in running costs. Our reserves are sound; however we consider it prudent to pause further major expenditure once the current upgrades have been completed.

AND FINALLY – our AGM is scheduled to take place at the Hall at 19:30 on Thursday, 15 June. This public meeting is your chance to hear about what the Committee has been up to in 2022/23 and to offer your thoughts about the future of the hall. You will be very welcome to attend.

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

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