

**Great Bricett Village Hall Management Committee
Report to the Parish - Meeting 24 May 2018**

Trustees:

Marina Ford - Chair
Arland Shawe - Taylor – Treasurer
Nigel Ford - Rep Parish Council
Barry Abbott - Rep Wixfield Park

Judy Walsh - Vice Chair
Hayley Hedges-Quinn - Secretary
Lesley Kelly - Rep Meadow Valley

The Village Hall Management Committee is elected at the AGM with volunteers and representatives from local organisations. Members have changed over the last year; and we are always happy to have new members to join the committee. Our AGM is in October or November of each year and meetings are held every 8 weeks.

The VHMC is a registered charity and the principle duties of the Trustees are to ensure that the Village Hall is kept in good order for the benefit of all residents and users. We operate under the regulations of the Charity Commission to whom we submit an annual financial statement.

The Parish Council as the owner of the building is responsible for major works, which comes from the Parish precept. They pay for insurance and help with any large purchases.

The VHMC is responsible for the day to day running and expenses of the Hall. This includes utility bills, the servicing of the boiler and fire extinguishers, etc. The running expenses over a 5-year average are £736.61. Currently we have in the bank £6397.83 (as of 28th March).

We the committee have been wanting to progress with re-decoration of the hall, including installation of a false ceiling with energy efficient lighting that will not only improve the acoustics of the space but improve the lighting to adapt to differing needs; benefiting all that use the hall, also saving on heating. After seeing the works that have been completed at Nedging with Naughton Hall we now have enough money in the account to be able to do this, thanks to Locality Grant from David Whybrow, we just need the go ahead from Parish.

Our next project would be to raise funds to make the Garden a safe place to enjoy events; but we still have on-going issues with the cess pit in relation to the dangerous man-hole cover, this is in hand. Therefore, the Garden is only to be used as an emergency exit in the event of fire.

This year we have lost the booking of Monday afternoons Art Club; however, Marina has started (16th May) Art & Craft Club on Wednesday evenings between 7&9pm and hoping this to be a regular thing. We recently had a six-week booking for Puppy Training Classes; we have our Bi Annual Quiz Nights, Monthly Coffee morning held the first Saturday of the Month (apart from January, August & December), we are getting additional bookings for parties etc, but generally these are only those within in walking distance to the Village Hall as we do lack the facility for parking. We also have a new member of the community at The Paddocks organising on behalf of GBVHMC a Great Bricett Car Treasure Hunt.

We of the committee are all volunteers we do what we do for the community we live in and to bring the community together, we work very hard on organising these events. Over the last year not only have we increased events we have increased attendance, making it a true hub of the community.

Marina Ford - Chair GBVHMC May 2018