

# BRISLEY VILLAGE HALL

## REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018

### EVENTS

This year has seen both the coffee mornings and cinema continue to be the backbone of the village hall. Both events continue to grow in popularity with an increase in attendees from outside of the village. We have recently changed our cinema licencing arrangements which will allow us to considerably reduce our overheads and give us significantly more flexibility over the types of films that we are able to air.

The time involved in setting up the cinema is considerable and, falls to a few people. We are therefore determined to source our own equipment, if necessary in stages to reduce the burden.

A grant has been applied for. If unsuccessful we will continue to seek funding, either by other grant applications or internal fundraising events.

Although discussions are in the preliminary stages the highly successful "Quiz and Chips" night may well become a joint event between the cricket club and the village hall.

The Christmas craft event is to be held again this year and it is hoped that it will be an annual event.

We held a "Race night" which was a significant fund raiser and our next night is this coming Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. We have sold considerably more tickets this time which will not only add to the atmosphere but should increase revenue.

We are organising a village treasure hunt for Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July which will be predominantly aimed at family groups. For the very young attendees there will be a chance for them to "Hunt the Brisley Bear".

We have decided to ask our villagers what events they would like to see held and in the near future we will distribute a questionnaire.

Further into the future we are planning to have a murder mystery evening. A few of us recently attended such an evening in a Great Ryburgh. This fantastic evening inspired us to not only write our own event but for the committee to be the cast.

It is worth noting that the contacts we made at the event has resulted in a considerable number of people from Gt Ryburgh attending our race night on Saturday. The committee view networking as an important route to raise attendances at events.

### REVENUE

As well as events we have increased the number of hirers, thereby increasing income. We are fortunate that our hall is of considerable size with a large parking area which makes it a great option for a number of groups / organisations.

## **MAINTENANCE**

As with any structure our hall needs continued maintenance. As well as our legal obligations there are always issues cropping up. At this time we have an area of roof that is letting water through. We have made arrangements to temporarily patch up the leak but the reality is that in the medium to long term we will have to give serious consideration to replacing the asbestos roof. There are grant options that we are considering.

We have recently resurfaced the car park which was becoming increasingly dangerous due to potholes. The committee asked for village help to carry out the work and the result was excellent with a large number of people turning out to help with the task.

We are to put some accessible parking areas in front of the hall to assist anyone who may have mobility issues.

## **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The second village defibrillator is now fitted and operational. It is sited in an ideal position and although it is hoped that they will never be used it is a real plus to have two units in our village.

***Ian Edwards***

***Chairman Brisley Village Hall – 2017 - 2018***