

Village Hall Report for Dalham Parish Council 2023/2024

We have had another year seeing the Hall host a large number of popular events, all of which have been well attended; notable for the numbers attracted were the Coronation Big Lunch, Burns Night and the ever-popular Quiz Night, along with the Christmas Fayre which is well supported by people from around the village and beyond. As well as events organized by the committee, other villagers and organisations used the hall for occasions such as the Macmillan Coffee morning, Harvest Supper and a Community Lunch.

We have seen good attendance at the regular Coffee Mornings held on the second Sunday of each month and fluctuating numbers at the monthly Film Nights.

The Hall continues to benefit the neighbourhood with the weekly Keep Fit, Pilates, Boxing and the recently added Yoga classes, keeping the Hall in use on every weekday.

The Hall has been used for meetings by the Parish Council, the PCC, the Almshouses Trust, the Community Lunch Committee, the Gardening Club as well as the Village Hall Committee which is grateful for the £200 received from the Parish Council.

There have been a number of private hirings for a variety of activities including an NHS off-site day, children's parties, canine first-aid and weddings booked by families living in the village.

An initiative to introduce Solar Panels onto the Hall to offset rising energy costs has been worked during the year and we are now at the point of waiting to find if our grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been successful prior to submitting for planning permission.

We are also planning to re-finish the wooden floor to avoid further wear and will be looking for opportunities for funding contribution.

All in all it has been a successful year with the Hall making a moderate surplus over the running costs.

Jonathan Aylott
Chairman, Dalham Village Hall Committee.