

Welcome Everyone and thank you for attending our AGM.

- i. Ongoing Improvements;
 - a. The hall was awarded Hallmarks 1 & 2 by Somerset Community Council and is a national quality standard for Village Halls. Hallmark 1 was awarded for 'Charity Administration & Management', Hallmark 2 was awarded for 'Health & Safety, Security & Licences'. These awards demonstrate to 'hirers' that we have all the right policies and procedures in place. Congratulations to all those involved in this achievement.
 - b. We were contacted towards the end of last year by Andy Turnbull with an offer to help redecorate the Village Hall which we accepted gratefully. The VH needed to purchase the necessary paint at a cost of around £100. Andy arranged discounts for us through his local supplier. Nick Tester and John Marriott volunteered to do the filling and sanding whilst Andy along with Andy Bryant started the painting. As the whole hall was desperate for redecoration and would need substantial man-hours to do, Andy persuaded Balfour Beatty to provide painters, chippies and an electrician to enable as much as possible to be done. This was provided FREE as a community project. The main hall due to the damp walls had to be excluded, but we now have freshly decorated entrance hall, social club, toilets, stairwell, landings and skittle alley. Our sincerest and grateful thanks to Andy, Balfour Beatty and all his helpers. A letters of thanks have been sent to thank everyone involved.
 - c. A new water heater has been installed and we now have hot water in the ladies and men's toilets and in the kitchen hand wash sink.
 - d. An external Notice Board has been purchased and mounted on the outside wall for Village Hall notices rather than in the social club window.
 - e. The committee has approved the purchase of 7 new lights for the toilet areas and 4 new pendant lights in the main hall. These will be fitted in the near future along with a few other light fittings that need replacing.
- ii. We had a survey carried out by a chartered surveyor to establish the cause of severe damp in the main hall outside wall. His report highlighted penetrating damp due to inadequate roof felting, poor guttering and missing wall tiles. It also recommended that we have a silicon barrier injected into the base of the wall to prevent rising damp and that the left hand front wall be re-pointed and any blown brickwork replaced. The report gave an estimate for the cost of repairs in the region of £10,000. Just before Christmas we had an approach from Kier saying they may be interested in helping as part of a community project and they requested a copy of the report. To date we have not received any response despite several enquiries for an answer either way. Subsequently we have asked three local builders to quote for the work to enable us to pursue grant applications to carry out the repairs. Once we have received the quotes a decision can be made on how we proceed.
- iii. Sue Ayley, who had been running the social club single handed for several years, decided that she would be retiring at the end of 2013. This meant the future of the social club was in doubt as there was no committee to carry on. The loss of the club would have severe implications as they were a significant contributor to the hall income. John M volunteered to work with Sue and prepare a flyer for distribution around the village with an invitation to an open meeting. This meeting led to the formation of a new committee. Andy Turnbull was elected as chairman and it now has an enthusiastic committee who have re-named the club as Harbour View Social Club. HVSC are going from strength to strength and to date have increased membership to over 150.