

## Otterhampton Village Hall Committee - Report from Chair 2016

Thank you for attending this AGM. The Village Hall continued to be well used over the last 12 months by local groups for the benefit of the residents of Otterhampton:-

- aerobics/pilates
- the Art Club
- Combwich Brownies
- Cannington Surgery
- Craft Group
- the Choir
- Friday Morning Coffee Club
- Harbour View Social Club including darts and skittles clubs
- Short Mat Bowls
- Combwich Motor Boat and Sailing Club
- Monthly Market
- the Church
- OPRA
- Parish Council
- OTT and
- private bookings.

We are continuing to make improvements to the hall. A new induction hob has been added in the kitchen; new blackout blinds have been installed in the main hall, the existing curtains lengthened and a picture rail installed which is used for both decorative art and by market stall holders. The hall will soon be home to a new wall hanging depicting Otterhampton and created by the Craft Group.

Electrical surveys have been undertaken and work will soon be commissioned to upgrade and improve the existing electrical provision. Along with general upgrading the work will include a new sub main to the Short Mat Bowls room with a separate feed hand wash and water; a hand dryer in the disabled WC; refitting of fire alarm cables and new electrical sockets where needed – this work will cost between £1300 and £1500 plus VAT.

To achieve this work and other improvements the Committee continues to organise fund raising events. We have had a Jazz

Night, Beetledrive, Quiz Night and future events include another Beetledrive, Bingo, a Night in Provence and, a musical evening with the Quantock Musical Theatre Company. We are also organising another Otterhampton Calendar and asking people to submit photos of wildlife and favourite recipes to include in the calendar. Sponsors are also needed so please spread the word.

The Committee decided that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 e-cigarettes would be banned in all areas of the village hall.

We will continue to link closely with the Parish Council and OTT to ensure the continuing development of the village hall for the use of everyone in Otterhampton.

Sue Barton

Chair, Otterhampton Village Hall Committee