

## CHELWOOD VILAGE HALL: REPORT for PARISH MEETING 17 MAY 2016

1. **Chelwood Village Hall** operates as a registered charity run by a Committee. There are currently seven committee members including three officers, Pat Harrison as Treasurer, Simon Groves as Secretary and Stephen Meale as Chair. The Hall is leased from the Parochial Church Council of Compton Dando with Chelwood and the Diocese of Bath & Wells under a recently renewed lease that runs until 2044.
2. **Finances:** The Village Hall finances are currently quite secure, standing at around £14,500. Income derives from hiring out the Hall and from money raising events, such as the annual Flower Show. We have made commitments to purchase more white lightweight height-adjustable tables to replace all wooden and older heavy metal folding tables. We have also committed to provide match funding with the Parish Council to replace the bench by the bus-stop outside the Village Hall with a new one to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. However we should be seeking ideas to spend more of this money to improve the amenities provided by the Hall or to promote further events.
3. **Events:** A number of successful events took place in the last year - but we wish there were more:
  - Golf Around The Village – having been postponed to 12 July because of bad weather, it took place in a torrential downpour. However play continued and bedraggled players eventually made their way back to 19<sup>th</sup> hole – the Village Hall – for warm drinks and cake. This year's Tournament is on Saturday 18 June.
  - The Chelwood Flower Show (which includes Produce and Craft) took place on 15 August 2015 and was a great success as always. It was followed by the ever-popular evening auction of exhibits and donations, led by auctioneer Mr Peter Sherborne. This year's show is on Saturday 20 August.
  - *The Thankful Village* was performed by Badapple Theatre Company from Yorkshire to a packed house on 28 April 2016 and to rave reviews, both in appreciation of the quality of the performance, the pathos and humour of the play but also because of the significance of the play to Chelwood, itself a Thankful Village.
  - Other events are staged by other groups, such as the recent Coffee Morning and Plant Sale for the Church and the regular Whist Evenings and Pilates Sessions.
4. Chelwood Village Hall Committee AGM to be held next Tuesday 7 June at 7.30. All are invited - we need new talent / ideas for the coming year and support to make things happen. So please turn up – or contact me - if you would like to help in any way or make suggestions.

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