**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday**

**10th. May 2023**

**7.00 pm at Gresham Village Hall**

**GRESHAM VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

All our regular users have continued their activities. Badminton, backgammon, bowls and upholstery have all been doing their respective things as has the Gresham Ladies Club. The North East Norfolk Bird Club have also continued to meet on a regular basis.

Bookings of the hall for parties and celebrations (both for adults and children) have continued to increase and we have again been very pleased to provide the venue for several Chapel events and there was a very successful event on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. The local Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme, again had use of the hall’s facilities overnight and we look forward to welcoming them back next year. We also had a repeat visit from the police who used the hall for a training day and remain very impressed with the facilities. Perhaps the highlight of the year was the village Ceilidh held in the hall in October in aid of the hall and the Friends of the Church. This was brilliantly organized by Ros and featured a bar provided by the Wheatsheaf.

With regard to personnel, we are sad to say farewell to Chris Hunter as a trustee but entirely understand his reasons. We wish him and his family our best wishes and thank him for all his hard work this year. We are though happy to welcome Janet Bolderstone and Barbara Russell as trustees and hopefully by the time this report is read, Debbie Goodrum.

The hall remains in a healthy financial position. We have finally been able to relocate our bank account to the Co-op Bank and now have fully functioning on-line banking facilities.

I cannot end, of course, without expressing my thanks to all the trustees for their contributions and support over the past year with particular mention as always to Joy for keeping the finances in good order, to Di for always being on hand to open/close the hall to visitors and keep it supplied with all the essentials and to David not only for keeping the committee and me in good order but also for his tireless work in continuing to take responsibility for the booking system (in addition to his secretarial functions). It is a time-consuming and onerous task. David, thank you for all your efforts.

Simon Cheves

2nd. May 2023