BARFORD & WRAMPLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL AGM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/2023

Firstly I would like to thank the Committee for all they have done throughout the past twelve months to keep the Hall in good order, which has helped to increase our bookings during the year.

In March we were approached by our landlord Lord Mackintosh to consider surrendering our present lease in return for a new Village Hall and playing field to be gifted to the village. After much discussion the Committee agreed that subject to several conditions being met, we would give our approval.

In April we started to have planning meetings for the forthcoming King's Coronation in May. The event on 6th May was a great success and well attended, we received funds from both the Parish Council and South Norfolk Council. Other events at the hall included the annual cricket match { the game was just won by Wramplingham} The annual football match and Barford Social group events, raising funds for the Community. In September to celebrate the 100th birthday of the WI, President Sandra Tovey presented a special outside bench to the hall, for the benefit of the Village. The WI also had a two day celebration in October for the birthday event at the hall and church depicting their history over the years. It was very well attended and they donated over £300 to our funds from the proceeds. We also held our annual Halloween event at the end of October which again proved very popular with lots of praise from families. Pop up Café still proving to be very popular held their Christmas meeting in December and provided free refreshments to all the regulars. The Social held a New Years event too. Bookings have started to increase with a regular Home Education group and Baby Ballet meeting regularly every week. We also have a Puppy training Group with us till Jan/Feb. The Bowling section is doing really well, but unfortunately the Craft section finished.

I would like to thank BW for her hard work in re writing the Constitution, a huge task changing the Old English wording into plain English. Also redoing our bookings and various other documents.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has helped the Village Hall throughout the past 12 months and continuing to make the hall a valuable asset to the Village.

Norman Cox – Chairman 21/03/2024