

10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chairman's report and observations:

At the last AGM I was optimistic about the way we were progressing and what we might achieve during the year. Regrettably this has been one of the more modest years for development and progress.

REVIEW:

The Building & Grounds :

Little work has progressed the building other than the installation of LED lighting that has made the hall more adaptable for a range of occasions. This was achieved with the help of a Grant from the LJC.

There was a close call with a small fire that destroyed the log basket and damaged the wall and electrical system on the 9th of November 2012. This was repaired by Geoff Hunt and RMW Electrical.

We received an offer from David Waller to refurbish the drive way at a beneficial price whilst he was having his new entrance and drive built in the autumn of 2013. In view of the imminent installation of a new water supply and the possibility of having to renew the drainage system should we have the kitchen and toilets rebuilt his thoughtful offer was declined.

Events & Activities:

During the year in addition to the keystone event of St Peters Fete the Guildhall has most notably and ambitious activity was the Snowdrop Teas event over two weekends in February 2013. Providing Soup Teas and Cakes for four days proved to be a mammoth task but extremely beneficial when the weather was kinder. It was decided to hold the event again next February as it was so greatly appreciated by so many walkers and their families.

The process of holding events has become more professional and efficient, a core team lead many helpers. The result is we have on many occasions this year been told how welcoming our events are and how impressive the food is whatever the occasion.

Once again my thanks to all those that have made these events happen and always be a success.

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THE FUTURE:

Future Projects:

- We have still to initiate the Kitchen project and the replacement of the windows and also resolve the action to take to improve the Guildhalls toilet facilities.

Future funding:

- The fund-raising in the community this year has proven yet again to be innovative and very beneficial to the Guildhall funds whilst being a resource and support to other groups.
- There are local Grants available that the Guildhall is eligible for as well as National Funding in the form of the Lottery. We still need to pursue these and investigate other possible grants to help us move on.

CONCLUSION:

At this point in time the Guildhall:

- Has marked time in its development to some extent but it still impresses visitors primarily because of the character of the building but also the personality given by all the trustees and helpers who use it to such a great success.

My thanks to everyone that has been involved in any activity or project associated with the Guildhall this past year. Every little participation make a difference to the halls future.

Tim ROBERTS

15th July 2013