

12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

REVIEW:

The Building & Grounds :

After the last meeting in August a working party weeded the boards around the Guildhall grounds

We should be aware that Edward makes a regular contribution to the Guildhall by maintaining the driveway and the England family generally ensuring the mowing of the grass around the Guildhall making an appreciative difference to the appearance of the Guildhall

Other efforts by Geoff Hunt to tidy up the decorative order of the building should be noted.

October last year major repair work had to be conducted on the wall on the north side of the entrance to the Guildhall This was after it had been struck by an unknown vehicle and sustained damage that appeared to be superficial but on inspection a full rebuild was advised. The majority of the cost was found through our insurance. Ken Cooke aided the work by the removal of the excessive Laurel growth and the work was carried out by Dave Pugh

Paper work & legal: The Guildhall has a mini Bar that makes a contribution to the coffers on occasion. Whilst with other matters to the best of my knowledge all our licences, certificates and policies are current.

Events & Activities:

The use and popularity of the Guildhall is gradually increasing despite the poor kitchen facilities.

The Flicks programme is an essential core to the Guildhall's existence maintaining its profile with a wide range of people.

The Snowdrop Walk was again a great success and along with the Bluebell Walk - it grows in reputation spreading the word well beyond Cound. I have met many walkers that regret not having taken advantage of the week ends where the team provide tea and cakes.

St Peters Fete was, as usual, was a high point of the year and would be extremely difficult to run without the Guildhall as a resource.

There have been a number of events organised by Guildhall Trustees. In October Ben Crane gave a very interesting talk on his Raptors and a Rock & Roll night in January was a great success and well attended.

In October the Dvorak Mass in D was the work chosen for the Come and Sing event in the Church whilst the Guildhall volunteers provided Lunch and Afternoon tea making the event a great social success to a wider audience.

The Guildhall was loaned to Coundmoor in October last year for their Pilates Classes whilst they had work was done on their halls floor.

Private hire events have increased. Historic Churches used the hall in July this year as their base for a tour of local churches whilst we provided Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea

August last year there was the Harthill Wedding. A days hire in February for a Meditation group who appreciated the peace and quiet of Cound - more recently a Christening party on Sunday 12th July

Meetings have been held by the Wenlock Team Council. The meeting to consider the viability of the reformed Local Joint Committee took place in April. Whilst the Parish Council used the hall for its three summer meetings. In May there was the General Election and the Guildhall was once again a Polling Station

In total the hall was in use on more than 34 days since last July.

The Guildhall is a great resource but would be nothing without the terrific support of the volunteers that assist with events and the core of people that do so much to make it all happen.

THE FUTURE:

There is only one real future Objectives & Project and that is: Hopefully we will secure funds and support to commence work on replacing the Kitchen next summer.

CONCLUSION:

The Guildhall has had a successful year serving the community new visitors comment on its character and enjoy the welcome from the volunteers involved in an event. My thanks to all that have participated in events throughout the past year