

PELHAM HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM – MAY 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As in previous years, the last 12 months have witnessed the Hall putting on its usual and varied range of events. It has again hosted the regular meetings of the WI, the Bowls Club, Pilates and Yoga classes and, of course, it has continued to provide facilities for the Cricket and Tennis clubs as well as the regular Thursday evening Socials.

The Hall remains a venue for private functions and has also successfully staged many public events too, with many "old favourites" remaining in the programme. The Events Group has continued to build towards a programme of one significant event per month. Cindy Holton has now stepped down from leading this group and we are currently in the process of finding a replacement.

A new, revamped Film Night where we show a combined programme with The Narth has had mixed success, with audiences ranging from 31 to 12. We need 18 in order to break even so we are running some showings at a small loss. Nevertheless, we plan to continue the cooperation with The Narth at least for the coming summer season.

As ever, funds are needed to run and maintain the Hall and many of its activities have fundraising as a major aim. Our target to raise £2000 to purchase and install a commercial dishwasher was achieved aided hugely by Jill Bouchier and Amanda monthly "Wash Tub" lunches, and the next project to modernise the kitchen is now underway.

The Social Club no longer functions as a separate entity. One major project during the year was to change our premises licence so that the Hall's Management Committee is named as the licensee and the need to be a private club has been removed. The new licence came into effect in March this year.

We have also updated bar policies and the way in which some aspects of the bar are managed. A new glasswasher has proved popular too, especially as its predecessor rarely worked!

There has been a good deal of activity during the past 12 months and I thank the committee very much for the work it has put in to help achieve the goals mentioned previously.

David May (Chairman)

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