

Lingwood Village Hall – report for Annual Parish Meeting April 2024

Significant changes have recently taken place to the board of Trustees at the Village Hall with Ben Bethell stepping down, after a long association with the hall. A few other long-standing Trustees made the same decision and we are extremely grateful to the contribution they have all made.

At the AGM held last month I was elected as the new Chair and we were delighted to welcome a number of new Trustees to the board, all of whom will go on to make a valued contribution to the future of Lingwood Village Hall.

Activities at the hall have continued to pick up during the last year with hall income increasing through regular hire and greater footfall in Hug a Mug and Whiskins. Expenditure has also increased, partly through the hiring of more staff and cost of living increases, but overall the Village Hall finances remain in a relatively healthy state.

The War Memorials have recently been moved from the Methodist Chapel to a prominent place on the wall on the outside of the hall facing the MUGA and a small team of volunteers have made a start on tidying the area up. There are plans to add a bench and some flowers and if any parishioners would like to volunteer some time to help with this or any other activities at the hall then we would love to hear from you.

We have an exciting programme of events planned during 2024. The first community fete for a number of years will be held on the Village Hall fields on 30th June with local groups encouraged to attend. We are also trying to bring more live music to the hall and have just hosted How's The J Mann, have the Lee Vasey Big Band on 3rd May and a Country Night on 15th June.

The Easter weekend was well supported with Friday Fun Night, the aforementioned How's The J Mann and the Easter Extravaganza.

The Dan Leathers Pr/Am Petanque event will take place for the second year on 6th June with all proceeds raised going back into the community.

Monthly barbecues with live music start on 28th April until the end of September.

For a full programme of regular groups, events and other activities please follow Lingwood Village Hall on social media, check out our website or contact Kerry or Cherry in the office at lingwoodvh@gmail.com or 01603 713430.

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Chair of Trustees at Lingwood Village Hall