

TEFFONT VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st APRIL 2022

For obvious pandemic reasons, this is the first physical, so to speak, Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee for a very long time indeed, and much has changed. The former Chair, Hugh Homan, died during the pandemic, and I should like, as the very first point of this AGM, to acknowledge a huge debt of gratitude that the Committee – and, indeed, the whole village – owes him, for his calm, thoughtful and entertaining steering of the Committee, and for his wise advice on what we should do and how we should handle things.

New members have joined the Committee. Jeremy Ames has taken over from Jeremy Scrimshaw as Treasurer and Catherine Bernard from Andrew Jones as both Secretary and booking agent. Joss Wood and Emma Brown have joined with a special interest in organising the social events of the Hall.

Covid caused the closure of the Village Hall for far longer than anyone would have wished, but the Café reopened on 4th September 2021. Special thanks must be to Rosemary Pegrum, who has run it successfully for years now, and to her band of volunteers and the paid teenagers, who really run each café. Rosemary cannot be here this evening, but she has written:

“The café is open every Saturday morning 10.30 to 12.00. It is run by a team of two volunteers with a paid member of staff. At present, each volunteer is called upon about every twelve weeks although obviously the more volunteers we have the less they have to do. We would love to have more people on the rota so please consider helping.

The trouble with the café is that one week there will be lots of people, and the following week there will be hardly anyone. You may think those weeks are a waste of time. However, I have heard the café described as ‘a life saver’ and therefore it is always worth running. Please support us and pop in for a coffee when you can”.

There were a few bookings for the Hall over 2021, with many cancellations and postponements, for obvious reasons. The Film Club has not restarted, though there are plans to get things going again. There were no social events run by the

Management Committee in 2021, but things have got off to a flying start this year. That, of course, is for next year's AGM...

All members of the Committee deserve thanks for what they do, but special thanks must go to Jeremy Ames for securing a £10,00 Covid relief grant in 2020, which has kept us all afloat.