



Minutes of Annual General Meeting 23rd July 2024

Attended by: Committee members: Alex Pryor (Chairman), Marion Ball, John Grogan, Martyn Knappett, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Chris Wilks, Sarah Williams, Jill Williamson.

Apologies: John Rigarlsford.

1. Committee's Report - On behalf of the committee for 2023-24:

Marion Ball, John Grogan, Martyn Knappett, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Alex Pryor, John Rigarlsford, Chris Wilks, Sarah Williams and Jill Williamson.

The Committee for the past year comprised 10 members, all of whom had served the previous year. Its chairman was Alex Pryor, its treasurer was Jan Knightley and its secretary was Chris Knightley. Every Committee member is a volunteer and trustee helping to ensure that the Hall provides a high-quality venue for leisure and recreation for the benefit of Tansley and its neighbourhood, the Hall's charitable objective. The Hall was financed through hiring to the area's community and the wider public and from the proceeds of three shows.

We replaced the failing fluorescent lighting in the ground floor meeting room with 8 new flush LED panels. We also bought two, large Westinghouse ceiling fans for the main hall. These are switched on and off using a remote control.

In January 2024, using most of the £5,000 donation that we received last year, we bought two bowls mats, two mat storage trolleys and bowls equipment to play indoor short mat bowls. We bought 16 pairs of new or used bowls so that 8 people could play on each mat at a session. We hired the hall and bowls equipment to Matlock Golf Club Bowls Group from mid-January to the end of March for their indoor season. We also formed a bowls group for anyone to come to learn to play and to practise. This has been meeting every Thursday afternoon for one or two sessions from mid-January to the end of July. It is very popular. 40 individual people have taken part since January, averaging 21 of them per afternoon. All users of the equipment pay for the hire of the room and a charge for using the equipment. To date, the Hall's bowls group has contributed £900. We are very grateful for the voluntary help and support that residents Wendy and Kevin McNee gave to help to establish the bowls facility and bowls sessions.

Returning regular customers comprised Tai Chi, the U3A Local History Group, sequence dancing classes and private tuition, social sequence dancing sessions, Ladies Group, yoga (including new chair-based and beginners' yoga classes), meditation, Tuesday Club, Garden and Countryside Club, Tansley Film, Zumba, Pilates, Matlock's Network Women's Register (NWR), private counselling, NHS Diabetes Prevention classes, Derbyshire Singers (for committee meetings), mindfulness and photography classes. New regular customers comprised wellbeing sessions, Matlock Golf Club Bowls Group, the Hall's indoor bowls group, children's dance classes and Therapeutic Sound Sessions. The Wrens' meetings and children's play sessions ceased.

Other uses of the Hall included free use for the annual Scarecrow Festival, children's birthday parties, Christening parties, adults' birthday parties, a wake, a "sound bath", an all-day leather hide sale, polling (twice), a wellbeing festival organised by Sharon Price, a Christmas Brass Band Proms Concert organised by Dave Hill, a new year's eve swing dance party, Jenny's Accordionists concert organised by Martyn and Heather Knappett, rehearsals by High Tor Players theatrical company and appointment interviews by Tansley Primary School's governors.

The Committee promoted three successful concerts including two through Live and Local's rural touring scheme. We have three concerts from Live and Local for the coming year in October, November and February.

Tansley Players, having disbanded, ceased its use of the premises. They removed their storage shed from the rear outdoor space and cleared out scenery and other items from under the stage. The space under the stage is used now to store the bowls mats on their storage trolleys and some of Tansley Film's bulky equipment.

We continue to promote the Hall online through its website, Facebook, Tansley Hotwire and other websites.

We thank everyone for their custom and support, enabling us to provide an attractive venue for a wide range of activities and events consistent with the charity's purpose. We wish the new Committee success in the coming year.

2. Treasurer's report

The statement of accounts is for the Hall's financial year ending 31st May 2024.

The revenue account holds £35,738. This is a decrease of £586 (1.6%) compared to last year, being the deficit of payments over receipts.

Income from lettings has risen by 28% from last year.

The insurance premium of £1,507 increased by 1.4% compared to last year. Last year's premium was 6% higher than the year before.

The costs for gas (mainly for heating) increased by 19.6%, electricity increased by 46%, water increased by 23% and rent increased by 11.4% (the annual RPI to April 2023).

£4,890 was spent on indoor short mat bowls mats, trolleys and bowls equipment. This was funded by last year's private donation of £5,000.

£1,292 was spent replacing the aging fluorescent lights in the ground floor meeting room with eight LED flush panels.

£1,001 was spent installing two large ceiling fans in the main hall to improve air circulation in warm weather and when people are exercising or dancing.

Substantial funds are needed to cover unplanned expenditure, such as repairs, planned expenditure, such as maintenance and improvements, and changing the energy source for heating and cooking from natural gas to meet government directives in the future.

3. Nominations of up to 4 Appointed Members

The Garden and Countryside Club has appointed Chris Wilks. The Ladies Group, Tansley Film and Tuesday Club have not appointed a member yet.

4. Election of 12 Elected Members

All nine current (outgoing) elected members offered to join the new Committee. There were no new candidates so no election was required. The Elected Members are: Marion Ball, John Grogan, Martyn Knappett, Chris Knightley, Jan Knightley, Alex Pryor, John Rigarfsford, Sarah Williams and Jill Williamson.

5. AOB

The chairman thanked Jan and Chris Knightley for the work that they have undertaken this year.