

## Creting St Mary Diamond Jubilee Village Hall

I can report that our Hall had been in a good place, until the Lock Down commenced in late March. We had a good level of bookings, both regular users and party and event bookings. In particular a 4 day booking for the Public Enquiry, which was closed and then subsequently re-booked.

The Committee have been working steadily towards making a replacement of the Heating system in the Hall. This has been starting to become unreliable and in need of modernisation. Finding three estimates from companies compatible to the job was not easy and then we went into the area of grants. The situation now is that we are in a position to go ahead subject to the agreement by Biffa to our largest application. It will be an ideal time to get this work completed when the Hall is out of use and bookings will not be lost. We are hopeful that practically all of the costs will be covered.

We were sorry to miss out on the annual visit by Eastern Angles, which very unfortunately had to be cancelled just as the Hall was facing closure. A sub Committee has also worked hard to complete the updated Constitution and this is now in place. This was not an easy or straightforward procedure.

Mrs May Aldred remains in our employment and is receiving a very minimal monthly retainer while her services are in suspension.

I would like to thank our Committee for the work they have put in over the last year, both in the endeavours I have just mentioned and also in a practical sense where repairs have been made and maintenance undertaken at a good saving to our resources.

We hope that our Hall will be open again in the not too distant future, providing as it does a valuable village and community facility.

Chris Bingley (Chair)