

CREETING ST MARY VILLAGE HALL REPORT MAY 2023

I am pleased to report that our Hall has had a reasonably good year, bookings have remained steady, and we have regular users who enjoy our facilities.

Our main project over the last year has been the complete refurbishment of the toilets, and this was completed fairly recently. We have been pleased with the results achieved, and have had favourable comments from our hirers. Cleaning is now a lot easier too.

We have added to our Trustees over the year and also have a new Booking Secretary. Our bookings now run off a dedicated mobile phone which can be handed to another person when holidays etc intervene, plus of course email too. Our website has been modernised and upgraded and we hope this will result in more accessibility and future bookings.

Roots and Shoots have provided us with flowers for our planters, and we would again like to thank the WI for their watering rota.

We come to the end of our electricity contract in July and it will be a challenge to deal with the inevitable increased costs. We have adjusted our hire rates recently in reflection of what is to come, but are also determined that we must stay competitive. Our solar panels help of course, and we are looking at the viability of having more installed.

The Creeting population is growing substantially, and we hope that this will provide more Hall use in the coming years.

Looking ahead, we are now looking at a full refurbishment of the lounge area, and possibly making the doors into the billiards room wider too, making that area more usable. Grants for this are currently being explored.

Chris Bingley (Chair)