Ercall Magna Annual Parish Meeting - 19 April 2022

Ellerdine Village Hall Report

1. The government’s hospitality & leisure grants provided valuable income while the village hall was closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. With no income the previous year but continued expenditure on utilities, insurance etc, these grants were a financial lifeline. As the government started to relax restrictions in accordance with its Covid recovery roadmap in Spring last year, use of the hall gradually increased. Initially, this was mainly due to sports clubs, especially our regular cycling groups. Following the lifting of all mandatory restrictions in July 2021, the hall has been available for the usual range of activities and it’s pleasing to report that bookings are increasing towards pre-pandemic levels.

2. The first major event since the initial lockdown in March 2020 was held in November 2021, when we resumed the annual charity quiz in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This was followed in December by a successful Christmas Fair, with Santa making a welcome re-appearance. More recently, a charity quiz night in March raised £200 to be split equally between the Children’s Ward at the PRH and the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

3. Over the last year or so we have lost committee members due to other commitments. While we are very grateful that Revd Ian Naylor joined the committee at our AGM last November, vacancies still exist and EVH is keen to hear from anyone interested in helping to run and develop this important community asset.

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