

Victoria Hall

Charity reg. 301961

Annual Report and Accounts

2016



Jack and the Beanstalk

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The Hall continues to be well-used and to fulfil an important role in parish life, providing a venue for a wide range of group activities as well as hosting many individual parties and social events. The main improvement to the building this year was the installation of a modern stage curtain track and winding gear,

replacing antiquated equipment which had caused increasing problems. The work was completed in time for this year's pantomime performance.

The Management Committee

It was particularly encouraging to welcome new members to the management committee and their involvement, along with other volunteers, helped enable the hall to function effectively and in the interests of its many users.

Membership for the year was:-

Chairman	George Gray	Wonston Parish Council
Treasurer	Sandra Fishlock	Royal British Legion Women's section
Secretary	Sue Lane	elected
Bookings secretary	Valerie Keel	elected
Members:-	Margaret Attfield	Dever Art Group
	Tony Bortoli	Sunshine Club
	Robin Browning	elected
	Hannah Cozens	Sutton Scotney Tots
	Eryl Holt	Act Too
	James Rowson	14 th Winchester Scout group
	Gerald Sergeant	Royal British Legion

Three new members joined the committee, two representing youth groups – the Scots Tots and Scouts, with Beavers and Cubs now using the hall – and the drama group that includes a wide age-range, including children. The committee met four times during the year.

Finances

A copy of the accounts for 2016 is attached to this report. The income from lettings was roughly the same as in the previous year, sufficient to assure cover of the basic cost of running the building and to put a little aside as a reserve. Other income, from grants and fund raising, has been used to undertake improvements and the parish council's help is most gratefully acknowledged. Their financial year ends on

31 March, contrasting with that of the hall, so that grants for 2015/16 and 2016/17 both appear in these accounts. Expenditure also followed a similar pattern to the previous year. The entry for the insurance premium indicates that we are now paying monthly. We are grateful to Sue Hedges for examining the accounts.

Fund raising

The Christmas Market was the main fund raising event of the year and committee members and friends united to make this a successful event which raised £527.

Buildings and Grounds

The hall and grounds are generally in good condition and the side entrance much improved by the hedge trimming and access created to the public space in Taylors' Yard. We are grateful to Eve Morgan for her assistance with alterations to the stage proscenium arch, needed because of the height of the new curtain track. The broken drain on Wonston Road has been mended by the Highways department and this has improved, though not completely solved, the problem of the puddle at the entrance to the car park. The building and its facilities are well used and the consequent need to maintain all in good order requires not only the work of our caretaker and groundsman but relies in no small part on the care, consideration and co-operation of users.

Future

Sutton Scotney continues to grow and it is hoped that the hall will be able to cope with the demands of an increasing population. The recently started development at Station Yard includes 27 homes and will increase traffic on the Wonston Road past the entrance to the hall car park and the hall itself, a concern that has been raised with the developers and district planners, without response so far.

