

## **Hall Committee Report for Parish Council AGM to be held on** **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Launcells Hall continues to be well used by a range of regular hirers including a Tabours (drumming) Club, yoga classes, children's gymnastic classes, skittles, badminton and martial arts clubs plus a fortnightly miniature wargaming and boardgames club and of course the Parish Council! In addition, other organisations/local people hire the building for occasional events, for example a Harvest Supper, children's birthday parties and elections. We have been able to keep the hiring fees unchanged this year, although additional fundraising events are required to 'pay all the bills'.

To this end, the committee has organised three bingo evenings in September, November and April, plus the annual plant sale in May. The proceeds from these events contribute to the hall's running expenses which run to thousands of pounds every year. The committee are responsible for ongoing maintenance, insurance, servicing of the air source heaters and compliance with legal requirements including compliance with the Charity Commission's rules, electrical safety checks, fire extinguisher maintenance

A new negotiated electricity supply contract via EDF has been effective from 12<sup>th</sup> February which pleasingly reduced the cost per unit. Hirers only pay for units of electricity used via the coin meters however the hall committee are responsible for the daily standard charge of 60p per day (£219 per annum), plus the costs relating to the car park and emergency lighting.

The committee have held 9 community cafes since the last AGM including the very popular Christmas Lunch which was attended by 65 guests. In regard to the monthly community cafés, food hygiene procedures must be adhered to and we are pleased that our latest inspection resulted in us being awarded the full five stars. It should be noted that this inspection and award purely relates to the community café run by the hall committee. Hirers who provide food/meals are responsible for their own food hygiene procedures and legal compliance. Profits made at the cafes are kept aside and donated to charities (mainly local) every few months.

Thanks must go to the editor of Launcells Parish News, who not only finds space in the magazine to advertise and report on hall events, but is also diligent about reminding me when the deadline looms!

The additional storage unit at the rear of the premises has created more space in the internal storage areas and made access to resources easier and safer.

The committee give much time and effort to ensure the smooth running of the hall so it is gratifying that it continues to be well used by the community. Thank you to everyone involved.

Alison Butler - Secretary