Great Easton Village Hall Chairman's Report – April 2024

We have seen some changes to the Village Hall committee this year, where we have said goodbye to long serving members Sally Armstrong and Vikki Halliday and welcomed Sue Peet, Teresa Chapman and Eve Atkin (our new treasurer). We have also welcomed Jemima Salvi who has taken over as interim cleaner. The search for a new cleaner continues and it is interesting to note that this has been a continuing issue for the hall whenever the position becomes vacant as is noted in the history of the hall "After the War the hall experienced difficulties in the search for caretakers. The post became vacant at frequent intervals and rarely, if ever, were any replies received in response to advertisements. However, the Hall Committee usually found someone to do the job."

Improvements to the hall this year include a new notice board, new stage extension blocks and some major work to (hopefully) resolve the blocked drain issue in the store room.

We held several successful events this year; the Coronation big lunch was well attended as was the Midsummer Sunday and the Big Banger Quiz in November was a sell out.

Our bookings continue to be steady this year, with several private bookings along with our regular groups.

We have agreed to a further increase our rental prices from April 2024 following on from our increase last year, however we have significantly simplified the pricing structure, with a flat rate over the whole week.

As always, I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing help and support through this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Crafternoon group who kindly funded the hanging baskets and also the following for their help this year:

- Alice and Andy Murdock for running the Big Banger Quiz
- Rectory Farm for supplying and cooking the Big Bangers at the quiz
- The Garden Task Force for keeping the garden in good order
- Kevin Chapman for his work on the new notice board

Lastly, this has been my 10th year as chair (10/03/2014), and 14th year (29/03/2010) on the committee and I intend to step down at the end of this year (unless anyone wants the post now?). It has been a pleasure serving on the committee over this time and I will of course still be providing IT support to the Village Hall.