

Welcome to the Thruxton Memorial Hall AGM.

To those who don't know my name is Gill Odling and have taken over from Kate Christie as Chair of the Hall Committee during the last year. Many thanks again must go to Kate for steering us through Covid. She also, among lots of other things, oversaw the improvement of the website, introduction of booking and billing systems via the internet and Wi-Fi availability. Having lost our long standing Tennant Louise Patterson and the ballet school these improvements have made my life as bookings manager much easier.)

We have apologies from Nick Williams, Margaret Davis and Sue and Martin King

It has become our custom to ratify committee members at this meeting.
The current Trustees are

Graham Harris: All things financial, provides floats, banks money, pays expenses, patiently explains!! Has organised our sum up machines, applies for grants etc etc
Nick Williams who organises the cinema.
Keith Edwards Fire officer and Barman
Louise Cushine Thruxton Loves Cakes and supplies for the hall.
Cat Boslem and Clare Oliver who focus on Marketing.

We are also very grateful to Cat who can always be relied on to know about all matters on the safeguarding front.

Election Of Committee Members

Thanks Committee members

Please show your **Thanks** to all of these wonderful people who give up their time to help maintain this lovely old building.

Thanks Others

Janet and Brenda stalwarts of TLC

Sue King for Programming the heating

Pat Council for taking the minutes and to

their partners **Martin and Steve** for being ever present when there is help needed.

People who use the hall are always very complimentary about it and thanks must go to **Alison** who has taken ownership of the cleaning and keeps the place beautifully helped by her daughter Natasha at times. WE really do appreciate the work that they do.

Finally to all our partners who are often cajoled into taking part! Trish, Fitz, Will, Anita, David and lastly Rob who has made the brave decision to be more involved by offering to take on the job of arranging the ongoing maintenance of the Hall. We really couldn't do it without you all.

Plans for improving the hall/ facilities

As with all grade one listed buildings maintenance is our biggest expenditure. Some of the electric heaters have failed and we are in the process of getting quotes which may involve changing all the heaters in the hall, not cheap!

We're working on a program of redecoration, one big job each year. We've done the floors, decorated the Main hall, corridor and machin room, this year we plan to paint outside, next year the ancillary rooms.

It's my aim to do a big fundraiser perhaps next year, to refurbish the kitchen cupboards and worktops.

The largest long term issue we have is that at sometime in the past concrete patches have been used to cover failing bricks. These are now failing themselves and need taking off, new bricks inserting and the whole building repointing. Example.

We know that the roof is generally sound but the piece over this building which was not replaced when the upgrade was done, and has needed some repairs this year.

Marketing plans

With out the ballet school marketing has become much more important. We (Cat and Clare) continue to advertise on facebook locally, sites that advertise village halls for hire more widely and using posters around the villages. We are also considering perhaps going to a wedding fair to try and attract DIY couples on a small budget.

Plans for events

We are picking up a steady stream of parties, we have a wedding in a couple of weeks more of those would be useful!!

TLC will continue, its proved to be a wonderful meeting place, with between 20 and 30 people not unusual.

A small group of diehards continue to come to the cinema, making the decision to buy our own screen and run it ourselves means we keep the small amounts of money raised and we enjoy the fact that its just up the road.

Yoga continues again with a few participants.

Thrupton Threads run by Kate continues to Thrive and may need to move into the main hall if numbers continue to increase.

Another resident, Barry is starting a private fitness business in July this year based in the Hall so look out for his advertising

Recently the NCT have started holding their classes here again.

We're hopefully going to run a Thrupton Open gardens event this month and The produce Show in July. There will be more ... if you have any ideas let us know.