

# Bobbing Village Hall

Sheppey Way, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8PL

Charity No. 302686

## Annual Report 2017

Bookings for Bobbing Village Hall for weekend functions such as parties are declining slightly and we feel this is a general trend as people do not want to organise such events themselves. As such we are still using the Temporary Events Notices for licensing arrangements as we are operating under the 12 allowed in any one year. Evening uses by groups or classes are on the increase as a sewing class has started on a Thursday evening in the small hall. Woodpeckers Bowls Club is up to full numbers and they use the hall twice weekly with matches on other evenings or days as well. Last year Boxercise was gauging class usage and is now a regular Thursday morning class.

The plans for the extended toilets are awaiting final pricing and we may alter the plans slightly to allow them to be completed within a budget rather than taking a loan for the difference.

Luckily our PCSO has been keeping an eye on the school parking which occasionally causes obstructions to the hall car park and we are grateful for their help.

I am pleased to report that once again the hall will not be paying rates and thank Swale Borough Council for realising that this could cause a unrealistic price increase if allowed to happen so we are grateful for their support of the local communities.

The committee is always looking for new trustees which seems to put everyone off helping but as they say many hands make light work and I know talking to other halls we are not alone in having low committee numbers. We would very much like to welcome anyone who feels able to support the hall with either voluntary time or by joining the committee.

The parish council has always been a strong supporter of the hall and we are indebted to them for their invaluable help without which the village hall would probably not be serving the community. Cllr Dewar-Whalley has also provided money from his grant which this year has funded new kettles and another urn and the committee would like to thank him for this.

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