

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009-2010

Considering that this time last year I tendered my resignation, no one is more surprised – or disappointed - than I am that once again it falls to me to present the Chairman's report. That said I am hugely honoured to have been asked to do it again.

One of the key reasons is the wonderful people involved with the hall. They all work so well together, with so many taking charge of those areas they enjoy doing. I know I've said it before, but being involved is hugely satisfying. Out and about one hears good things said about the village hall in Capel, often with a hint of envy. This year comments from outside have included "whatever you organise here is done extremely well". The reputation is well deserved and entirely due to all those involved in running the hall.

Whilst the Trustee roles may not be overly onerous I am grateful to all the Trustees who contribute to the overall running of the hall. In particular I would like to pay tribute to Jenny Carter who, despite all the issues in her private life, continued in her role of Treasurer long enough to ensure a smooth transition. Thanks go to Cherry Leppard, Julie Young and Mike Stone for picking up the workload so Jenny could resign. We hope things go well and that Jenny will be able to re-join us next summer. Thanks go to Pim Scales who has served for three years as Vice Chair.

The Trustees are supported by a loyal and hard-working band whose input is significant.

We are able to rely on them totally and many visitors to the hall fundraising events express their appreciation of the smiling faces and cheerful welcome here.

We really are lucky to have this hall and the people who are involved in running it. Thank you one and all.

Annual report: Contains the information formally required by the Charity Commission; identifies who the Trustees are and that we have systems in place ensure robust management; identifies any serious incidents during the year – of which the only one has been the theft of lead from the roof, replacement of this cost £400.

Details are included of how we have contributed to the main aims of the charity – this year we have improves the sound by the installation of acoustic panels in the main hall; the replacement of the entry door and resurfacing of the car parking. The hall continues to be well used; this year there is a new regular booking for a bridge club.

A copy of the report will be available in the hall and on the website.

Treasurers report.

The accounts have been audited and approved by Mr G Webb of Shepherdswell and returned to us this afternoon.

As previously mentioned the Treasurer is unable to join us (at the table) this evening, so we will take note of any questions and reply in writing once there has been an opportunity to research the answer.

Attention should be drawn to the total income and total expenditure for this financial year, which appears to indicate a deficit of £ 9828. To put this in context the Trustees raise the funds for projects before commissioning the work. In 2008 surplus of £3846, in 2009 a surplus of £7516, a total £11362, Monies raised in 2009 have been spent in 2010 on the front entrance, acoustic panels and car park.

Cost of utilities are due to increase, so the hiring fees will be reviewed in January