

RAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No. 802398

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH MEETING 18th APRIL 2011

The Management Committee currently consists of 7 Members representing Village Organisations, and 5 Elected Members. There is provision for 3 co-opted Members. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.45pm usually on the 4th Monday of the month and there are 10 meetings per year (there are no meetings in August or December). The Annual General Meeting is held in May, and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Village Hall has its own website and there have, on occasions, been 100 hits per day. The building is well used by village organisations, Parish Council, Table Tennis (a new venture) Over 55s Tea Club, annual Rampton Show, Church Lite, Harvest Supper, Ramparts art group, and events run by other village organisations such as the Friends of All Saints Church and the 77 Committee. We also assist functions such as the Church Garden Fete, the Horse Show and the Village Fayre by loaning chairs and tables. Growlies Dog Club (an outside organisation), has met in the Hall for some time, but sadly has had to cancel owing to dwindling support. The Hall is also used for local and general elections.

Fund raising events run by the Committee during the year April 2010 to April 2011 include bacon rolls at the Yesterday Road run, strawberries and cream sold at the Village Fayre in July, the 'Bateson's' Quiz in September, the annual Jumble Sale in October, an interesting talk on Dinosaurs in November and a talk by local historian Mike Petty in March this year. This attracted a wider audience and we hope Mike will be able to come again perhaps later this year.

We have also held coffee mornings and a table top sale to raise funds and have been supported by Rampton residents such as Bob and Olwen Reeve who held a garage sale with the proceeds going to the Hall.

Future events planned include a Murder Mystery evening and a concert by a Folk Singing duo in October.

We are committed to maintaining and improving the facilities in the Hall to a high standard, primarily for Rampton residents but also to attract outside bookings which are a good source of income. Day to day expenditure such as electricity (higher than usual owing the cold spell) licences and insurance have to be paid for. The Village Lottery is well supported, and we were fortunate to be allocated a grant of £1000 from the Grass Roots Community Fund. Recent work carried out includes redecorating, improved lighting, a replacement wall heater, floor cleaning and tree work.

The Committee meet monthly to carry out tasks such as clearing of gutters and pathways, upkeep of the area surrounding the Hall and non routine cleaning. We have also organised the regular village litter picks which have improved the look of the village and have been commented on and appreciated (see the letter in the recent Village newsletter).

Insurance and licences such as Performing Rights are kept up to date, and annual returns are submitted to the Charity Commission. Cambridgeshire ACRE has been invaluable with their advice and we are preparing documents to apply for Stage 1 of their Hallmark award.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the Officers and Members of the Committee for their commitment and hard work over the past 12 months and for the support we have received from the residents of Rampton.

Alison Dickens
Chairwoman
Rampton Village Hall Management Committee.