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Village Hall Annual report, to the Annual Parish Meeting – 25th April 2024

It has been a busy past year for the Village Hall. Apart from the regular hires, the dog training, the History Group, Neighbourhood plan and a few more, there have been some hirings for quizzes, AGM's and a few children's parties.

The Village Hall has hosted the annual fete, a Coronation party, a Christmas party, the regular monthly Friday afternoon teas and a car boot sale.

We have finalised updates to plans for upgrading the shower and toilets, to include a new hot water system and improved thermal insulation. Work is due to start very soon.

We have had new larger guttering fitted on the back of the VH to prevent heavy rain washing over the older small gutters and refitted the double doors making entry to the VH easier. The new keysafe entry system seems to be working well, once people have got used to the idea.

We are planning more accessible entry through the double doors, to make it easier for wheelchair or mobility scooter users. This may boost afternoon tea attendance.

Caroline had been working with Barclays for almost two years to enable them to free up around £5000 which was trapped in an account that was rarely used. They had closed it without our permission and were most inefficient when it came to resolving the matter.

We have lost a couple of committee members but have been able to welcome Mark Fox, as Sports Club representative as well as Christine Morton who has taken over the posts of treasurer and of booking clerk. Caroline White had decided to stand down after having filled these two positions for more than ten years. Caroline has worked with Chis, to make the transfer of responsibilities as easy as possible.

We are planning this year's fete for the end of June and as a departure from all the usual excitement, we expect to have a band playing live for us.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

Peter White

Chairman, Village Hall and Sports Field Committee