

# Chideock Village Hall Annual Report 2018

Another busy year has passed with the usual mix of successes and problems.

## So first of all the good things:

- 1 We have spent over £35,500 this year in maintenance, repairs, projects and running costs.
- 2 2017 has been a fantastic year for fund raising.
- 3 Project undertaken during 2017
  - a. The painting of the outside of the hall with thanks to Urban who have carried out the work and to Jane Elliott who with her friends raised the money.
  - b. The new front door has now been installed which I hope you all think is an improvement on the old one.
  - c. The new kitchen is fully working now. However there are some decorative things to be completed which is work in progress.
- 4 The committee has increased the hall fees for 2018 in line with inflation it would appear that none of our costs go down, so as unpopular as this may be we must maintain a realistic approach to managing our running costs.
- 5 H&S is now an integral part of the running of this Hall, to ensure that everyone using it stays as safe as possible and this is an ongoing commitment. As a result of our H&S reviews we have installed a better and safer means of providing hot water for the making of tea & coffee. The fact that we take notice of H&S has helped to keep down the cost of our insurance again this year.
  - a. H&S projects for 2018 include a landing platform outside the main entrance level with the hall floor and turning the steps through 90 degrees to make it safer for people entering and leaving the hall. We also plan to replace the emergency exit door to make them easier to use.
- 6 Bookings for the Hall from the Chideock community continue to be healthy and the facility remains much appreciated within the village.
- 7 The survey carried out on the hall in January this year found that as long as we keep up the maintenance there is a good 40 years of life left in the building, so it will outlast a lot of us.

## Problems still to be addressed:

- 1 Address the H&S problem which has been brought to our attention concerning disabled people using our emergency exit at the end of the hall down a short slope onto the pavement by the busy A35. We have taken this matter up with the PC. However we have had no satisfactory response.

Richard A Benjamin

**Chairman**