

Deeping St Nicholas Village Hall C I O

Chair's summary of activity 2021-2022

I closed last year's annual report by saying that we planned for the following year to be more active than last year. Well, it certainly has been, with two successful fundraising events, both of which brought in more money than planned, and tangible progress on the hall.

Vine House Farm Christmas tasting event

This was our first such event, and raised us nearly £1200 surplus, largely due to Sam's persistent sales of raffle tickets, and the contribution from Vine House Farm from the event ticket sales. The event was, if anything, over-successful, and a few people turned away because of the crowding in the venue. We would love to do another such event, and discussions are in place with Vine House Farm, but there is no certainty yet as to what they will do and what our part in it will be.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee fete

This was another extremely successful event, as shown by the comments on social media. It raised us over £1100 surplus, although this was largely due to the Parish Council agreeing to underwrite the costs of the fete as their contribution to commemorating the Jubilee. This was especially timely as there were some costs we had not incurred in previous years, such as the £80 donation to Spalding RFC for use of their marquee on this and two previous occasions. The Parish Council have also agreed to underwrite the costs of a fete each year up to £700 for the foreseeable future. Ye Olde Bridge Inn has expressed their willingness, should we require it, to run the BBQ for us next year as well as the bar. They will likely use their own meat supplier, which should counteract the few criticisms received about the burgers. We have broadly agreed to repeat a June date next year.

Village hall update

There was little activity for most of the year until we heard that Ashwood were no longer the preferred developer of the Home Farm site. A sub-committee has met with Allison Homes, the new developers, and on the first occasion we were offered £500,000 plus the land to build the hall ourselves. We turned this offer down and were pleasantly surprised on our second meeting to be presented with plans for a building which incorporates most of the green features we want; it could in theory run with no energy input from outside. Allison have asked us not to divulge specifics of this for the time being. The main hall size is a little smaller than we would have liked but we have worked with their drawings and rearranged some of the internal layout to best suit our needs. The next step will be to look at the details such as surface finishes and some detailed dimensions. We will also be looking for funding to kit the hall out with items not included such as furniture; once we have a building agreed we can also go for match funding.

Other news

We also succeeded in moving our bank account away from Santander to Metro Bank, which is running smoothly and has already brought benefits of ease of access to financial data. My thanks to all those involved in making these and other successes happen over the last year. We go into our next year in a healthy financial position and with a renewed sense of hope about the hall. I look forward to next year's summary – hopefully I can then talk about our new hall!

Deborah Croyle, Chair, September 2022

Annual Accounts

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For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021	2020
Balance Brough Forward	£3,688.09	£3,808.09	£3,337.38
Revenue			
Funds Raised - Events	£3,249.60		£903.08
Funds Raised - Sales			£15.00
Other Revenue			
Total Revenue	£3,249.60	£0.00	£918.08
Direct Expenses			
Event Costs	£892.48		£188.99
Total Direct Expenses	£892.48	£0.00	£188.99
Gross Profit	£2,357.12	£0.00	£729.09
Administrative Costs			
Advertising & Marketing	£100.00		£18.38
Audit & Accountancy fees			£240.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	£67.00		
Subscriptions		£120.00	£0.00
Total Administrative Costs	£167.00	£120.00	£258.38
Profit	£2,190.12	-£120.00	£470.71
Balance	£5,878.21	£3,688.09	£3,808.09