

VILLAGE HALL 2018-2019

During the year we have continued our policy of continual re-decoration of parts of the building. In the summer we replaced the old ceiling boards in the Committee Room, introduced some insulation and redecorated the room. At the same time the doors and skirting boards in the main hall were repainted and the toilet lobby redecorated. In June a small portion of the stage flooring was renewed, it having rotted away. We are grateful to Brian and Tom White for all that they do for the hall.

We are also grateful to Uttlesford District Council which provided a grant of half of the cost of the redecoration, and to Cllr Jones for a further grant of £865.00

GroundCare Solutions continue to cut the grass and hedge at the hall, and have again applied weedkiller to the carpark which has been very effective.

In August we changed electricity supplier. E.ON increased its charges by a huge amount and was unwilling to negotiate at all. Accordingly we have switched to nPower with a much better deal.

During the annual check of the emergency lighting system two units were found to have failed. These were replaced and, as they were so much better than the existing ones we have since replaced the other six units as well.

Hills Housekeeping continue to clean the hall once a month, and together with our small band of volunteers keep the hall looking very welcoming.

For a number of years we have had to pay for a music licence from the Performing Rights Society, but this year have managed to convince them that we have no functions that would require a licence and those payments have ceased.

Hirings were again down on the previous year, but generated £1,905.00 of income. The only regular bookings are the Pilates Class and the monthly Village Coffee Morning.

We are grateful to Brenda and Kerry Andersen who manage the bookings for us, and for our cleaners.