

Nedging with Naughton Village Hall Annual Report

May 2023

It has been a good year for the hall. It has been in constant use.

Meetings

The AGM was held in March. Although there were no changes to the Trustees or executive committee, Sue Ward Stepped down from the Council after many years helping. Dorrit Powel took on the role of Secretary but does not sit on the council or committee which allows her to be impartial. We have held one meeting since to discuss the Coronation celebrations, 'the Big Help Out' and purchase of trees.

Classes

All the classes (tai chi, Pilates, keep fit and dog training) are continuing. The coffee mornings finished at the end of December as Rosina was unable to continue organising them.

Bookings

The hall has had quite a few bookings for parties, family events and Christmas bazar, with the biggest being Naughton May Fayre.

Building Work

All building work was completed. We are concentrating on the outside area now. We have cleared the ground behind the hall which has now been grassed and the long-awaited patio built with picnic tables one of which provided by our county councillor.

The play equipment purchased by the parish council from money provided by our district councillor has been installed and is frequently used.

We have cleared the ground and planted trees and shrubs at the side of the hall. Started planting a community orchard at the top of the back field with plans to purchase more fruit trees and some willows to plant in the field.

Events

The highlight of our year was organising the Platinum Jubilee celebration, it was the biggest event we have ever held with almost 100 people attending and despite the wind it was a lovely day.

The Autumn supper and dance was held in October. This was a very good evening. We were lucky to have 'Shoot the drummer' play, they certainly draw a crowd. We thank James Buckle and his team for letting us use Nedging Hall Barn once again for this popular event.

We held a 'Posh Frock' Dinner the first for a few years and Cheryl once again provided us with an excellent meal.

The Christmas quiz in December was very well supported and David once again provided an excellent quiz.

This year we have so far held a Games evening and a beetle drive both popular events.

We held our Coronation celebration on Sunday 7th May. The turnout was not as good as we hoped but, the weather was good so everyone had a nice time. We had a royal themed treasure hunt which was enjoyed by all.

The following day on the 8th we held the 'Big Help Out'. A few people came along to help us plant the trees and shrubs at the side of the village hall as well as the orchard at the back of the top field. We also planted an oak tree in celebration of the coronation near to the patio.

There will be a BINGO evening in the hall on Saturday (13th May) organised by some people from Gants Meadow.

Our next event will be a BBQ on Sunday 2nd July.

Projects

For our next project we would like to build a Boules Court near to the patio. We are only at the planning stages of this and it will depend upon cost and need.