

St Arvans Memorial Hall Management Committee

Report of Meeting held on Thursday, 22 November 2018 at 7.30pm

1. New Trustee

Graham Guthrie has been appointed as a trustee

2. Events in the Hall

Members of the management committee had organised three events since the last meeting

a. The Quiz in October

This was very successful with a profit of almost £200 going to hall funds

b. The Talk on Friday 9th November by David Priddis

Over 60 people attended a fascinating memoir of WW1 in St Arvans. David had done some comprehensive research, making an excellent beginning to a weekend of commemoration.

c. The Big Tea Party on Sunday 11/11/18.

An estimated 120 residents of all ages came to see a wonderful array of memorabilia, not just from WW1 but also from the village and the hall since it was opened in 1924.

The array of cakes and other goodies brought by everyone was a display in its own right!

Thanks must go to the organisers but also to the many people who donated items, helped in advance and worked on the day to make it so successful. Special tribute must be paid to Rebecca Way who, along with 42 children from the village, produced a unique memorial picture for the hall. This is something that will hang in the hall and act as a real memorial for that afternoon and also for the 15 young men who left St Arvans to serve their country and did not return.

The committee is grateful to the Percefield Pub and Salter's Heating and Plumbing for financial assistance with this project.

3. Parking of Cars at Night and Litter in the Car Park

There has been evidence of groups of cars parking behind the hall late at night with litter, including metal phials which could be evidence of low level drug use. The police are patrolling and have advised one group to refrain from using the area

4. Tree Branches Overhanging the Village Shop

Western Power is due to prune these

5. General Maintenance

Positioning of latch on door between porch and front hall to be adjusted as the door does not close easily

6. Bookings

These are very positive. 2 regular hirers have started using the hall since the last committee meeting and one-off hirings are good until the end of the year.

7. Future Events

a. Films.

The new film programme is now on the web site.

b. Wine Appreciation Evening

This will go ahead in late January/early February. The date will be confirmed on the 'Special Events' page of the web site

8. Planters on Front Wall

The Community Council has expressed its thanks to the committee for the provision and upkeep of the planters. The committee has thanked Avril Branch for the care she has given to the plants throughout the summer