

## VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN REPORT 2023

The Committee held 7 meetings during 2023. Shelley Eaton joined us to take on the role of Secretary, unfortunately due to personal reasons she had to redraw at the end of the year.

We started the year with a very successful curry evening which was enjoyed by all, many thanks to all those involved. Several other events have taken place in the Hall over the year; local elections, Scouts for part of the year, Bingo evening, Parish Council meetings, private parties, Afternoon tea, Cycling event, Village Produce Show, Cretingham Church socials, Garden Furniture Sale, Quiz, music evening and finally the lighting of the village Christmas Tree. This event was very well attended and finished the year off well. Our coffee mornings were held every month, our thanks go to Joan, Persephone, Rob and Amanda for making these mornings so enjoyable, a very good community to get together for a chat.

No Fete again this year, due mainly to the Coronation celebrations.

Joan and I went on search of material for new curtains, the end product looks very attractive, many thanks to Joan for making them for us.

The Scouts left us at Easter for a new venue which suited their needs and growth much better than our Hall. We were sorry to see them go, but fully understood their reasons.

The Committee's aim is to improve the heating and have double glazing fitted to help with insulation where possible. Our Treasurer is looking at obtaining grants to cover costs, and three quotes have been gathered for the double glazing. The Hall lights have been renewed and have created a much better atmosphere.

The Village Hall will be 100 years old in 2024 and it is our aim to hold an exhibition to show the history of the Hall.

Another monthly event will be held in the Hall next year, a soup lunch which will be organised by John and Rowena, we thank them for their great idea and are sure it will be a great success, another opportunity for the community to get together.

2023 will be my last year as Chairman, I would like to thank the committee for their help and support during my time as Chairman, special thanks must go to Sue our Treasurer who does an awful lot of work getting the best deals and contracts for us.

Thank you all.