

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING : Thursday 11 May 2017

REPORT FROM GRANGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

John Gwillam – Chairman

The Grange Hall continues to be well used on a regular weekly basis throughout the year, with a number of bookings well into 2019! The past year has, again, seen 'peaks and troughs' - a continuing sign of the times – but the good news is that we seem to be going in an upward direction. The Bar continues to provide additional much needed income for the Hall, and we strive to keep prices as competitive as possible. We continue to have a small but committed team of casual bar staff.

Our concert programme has been put on hold for the present; the Abba Tribute Evening was less successful than on the previous occasions, and the Rock n Roll Christmas event saw a poor audience and a very large loss. It is difficult to know what the people of Southam want. However, we shall continue to investigate events and, once finances have improved, then we hope to resume some sort of programme. We are currently looking to provide Tea Dances on a Sunday afternoon, once a month; time will tell as to how popular these become.

The Town Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council continue their capital investment in the hall, and the new lighting in the Foyer is much appreciated. Our accounts will soon be with the Accountants. Unfortunately, the finances are not looking too healthy at present, and we have had to seek additional financial support from Southam Town Council to help us over this difficult time. We are extremely grateful to them for this extra assistance.

The committee continues to work hard; we have been fortunate enough to have some new members, but would not turn anyone away who wished to get involved.

As always, I should like to thank Mrs Louise Neal (our Caretaker), Mrs Carole Gwillam (our Administrator), the Management Committee members and, particularly Southam Town Council, for their continuing support.

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