

## **MODBURY MEMORIAL HALL**

### **Report to the Annual Parish Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

This has been another very successful year for the Memorial Hall. In the last twelve months bookings have remained steady at 571 (564 in 2018) and this despite the loss of the Scouts to their new home and the Parish Council back to the Pavilion. We have gained music lessons and new Pilates and Yoga groups and, for the second year, an increase in the number of children's parties and other functions.

This year's refurbishment project was to sand and seal the floor of both the Hall and Stage and remark the Badminton court. The Pantomime played to sell-out audiences resulting in a generous donation to the cost of the stage floor refurbishment. The Players also donated a significant sum and the Co-op Local Community Fund contributed over 40% of the overall cost. We are delighted with the result and the positive reaction from our many regular users.

Overall the Hall accounts are in a very good state with strong reserves, which will enable further improvements to be made in the coming years. Later this year the front doors will be replaced to improve security and heat retention. It is then hoped to look at replacing the fluorescent strip lights, and therefore the ceiling, with LED panels to soften and improve control of the lighting as well as reduce running costs.

Discussions continue with the Parish Council and other interested parties on the plan to provide a new children's playground while also expanding the Hall car park. This increase in parking capacity and improvements to the existing car park are urgently needed and remain a priority.

As always the Trustees would like to thank the Parish Council and all the other groups and individuals who use the Hall for their support during the year and, particularly, to Pauline Ryder who does so much to care for the building.

For your information the Memorial Hall AGM is on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.30 and copies of the report & accounts will be available from the Treasurer on or after that date.

***Phil Jolly***

***(Treasurer & Trustee, on behalf of the Memorial Hall Committee)***

PMJ/25<sup>th</sup> March 2019