WEST FELTON VILLAGE HALL

REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

The Village Hall – or West Felton and District Memorial Hall as it started out – was 100 years old last year, and as ever, one of our main aims this last year has been to provide a welcoming environment for those in the village who choose to use the village hall for whatever purpose. With the sad closure of the hall at the Methodist Chapel, we recognise that we are now the only community meeting area in our village.

Bookings are good – the hall is now used every night in the week. Obviously our income comes from hire charges and the occasional donation. To raise additional funds, the Committee organise Easter and Christmas bingo nights, and last year we held a very successful 100th anniversary afternoon tea. We also now hold an annual craft fair, with stallholders coming from the village and various parts of north Shropshire. If you have never been to these events, why not give them a go and support the village hall.

We had the flooring in the backroom replaced with something that should be much easier to keep clean, bearing in mind food is often served in that room. We are awaiting repairs to the Loop, and we recently had the full electric check carried out and any issues needing work, however, small, were dealt with.

Unfortunately the Post Office hours have been reduced but we are still happy to provide the space free of charge to ensure this important facility can continue to be available to the community. However, I would urge everyone to use the facility – if we do not use it, we could lose it. The decision is not up to the Postmistress, but rather the Post Office management.

The Committee is made up of a group of volunteers who wish to ensure this village has a facility that is available to all. And I must mention here that last year Ann Hampson stood down as St. Michael’s church representative on Committee – not even Ann could remember how many years she had served on the Committee. Thank you Ann.

Christine Curtis,

Secretary

West Felton Village Hall Committee

16th April, 2024.