

## The Williams Hall Annual Report for the Year 2019

With unflinching monotony, it gives me great pleasure to report that the Williams Hall had another successful year. However, 2019 was a little more than that. Total income was at a level just short of our best ever year, which was at a time when the school was a major source of income. Bookings have remained strong both from organisations outside the village and for local groups. Wedding receptions were a significant contributor. It is particularly pleasing that demanding (external) customers have made the Williams Hall their venue of choice and a clear statement of the value that they place on having a facility such as ours available to them.

The Trustees Group remained stable during the year, but as the year drew to a close, there were two significant departures. After many years of contribution both Paddy Scott and Dorothy Lawson decided to step down. I am sure you will join with me in offering our sincerest thanks to both Paddy and Dorothy for their years of unstinting service. Coffee and Books will never be the same. This leaves three open positions on the Board of Trustees, with representatives to be nominated for open positions for the Church, the WI, and the Levellers.

As briefly mentioned in the opening paragraph our financial performance has been among the best ever. Booking receipts of £16500 and FITS payments of £4600 were the major contributors to a total of £25780 in receipts. Other than the purchase of a new projector, there were no major unanticipated expenditures, resulting in total payments of £16918 and a gross profit of £8862. Anticipated expenditure on recoating the exterior of the Hall, did not occur during the period, the work being carried over until 2020. The Balance Sheet is, as a consequence very strong with a cumulative positive balance of £63,138. Both the Receipts and Payments and the Balance Sheet are attached to this report.

While these figures represent a robustly healthy statement of the Hall's finances, it is worth remembering that the Hall is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year and there will inevitably be increasing cost to maintain the current standards, not to mention the possibility of major structural refurbishment expenditure at some point in the future, which when it occurs should be funded from existing assets.

The use of the Hall by local groups continues to be strong with a broad range of interests and ages catered for. During the year it was often a challenge to reconcile the needs of local groups with regular bookings with the needs of external organisations wishing to use the Hall. I would like to thank all local groups for their flexibility and willingness to co-operate when these situations arise.

I would like to thank Louise Grinter for her guidance of the social events committee. Once again there was an eclectic but successful mixture of events from Malcolm the Magician, through an Elvis night, quizzes and the ever-popular Village Breakfasts. The last of these coincided with The Rugby World Cup final. Taking advantage of this coincidence a television

license was purchased to show the match on the big screen, nice idea, shame about the result. This does however open up other potential opportunities for events in the Hall.

There is no doubt that our facilities are second to none in our field. The foresight shown over recent years to install wi-fi and to develop a comprehensive web site with booking tool has paid dividends as has the refitting of the kitchen. We now routinely attract external bookings from people and organisations who have never visited Stoke St Gregory based on the description of our facilities on-line, not to mention to an increasing extent word of mouth recommendation. This is an important theme which we must continue to maintain and whenever possible develop.

At the end of the year the trustees agreed to the siting of a 'Shop in a Box' in the grounds. This temporary container will provide continuity to maintaining a shop in the Village as part of the Heart of the Village (HOTV) project [www.HOTVSSG.com](http://www.HOTVSSG.com) This was an important decision taken by the trustees which will hopefully contribute to the successful delivery of this project.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of those who have contributed to the success of the hall during the past year, in particular, Judith Roche who has been meticulous in her role as treasurer as well as Sandra Gleed as secretary who has been invaluable in her role. Louise Grinter and indeed her whole family have stepped in to provide continuity in catering and social events. Athena Dare who has managed the facilities and maintained the highest standards of cleanliness and maintenance. Thanks also go to Paul Fielding for overseeing the booking tool and for generally doing a good selling job to new enquiries. Last but not least I would like to thank all of those trustees who have not been specifically mentioned for their commitment and contribution to the success of the Hall.

In closing, while we were looking forward at the start of the year 2020 to extending our success, the immediate future has undoubtedly been clouded by uncertainty. There is no reason to doubt that over time we will recover to the levels of 2019, as the financial prudence that underpins our management of the Hall permits us to afford some level of optimism for the longer term.

Graham Gleed

Chairman of Trustees

## WILLIAMS HALL, STOKE ST GREGORY

### RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT Y/E 31.12.2019

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
HALL HIRE	16512	14131
FUND RAISING	3241	3415
REGULAR DONATIONS	392	792
SINGLE DONATIONS	10	40
SUPPORTERS CLUB	468	533
FITS RECEIPTS	4601	4425
VIRGIN MONEY DEPOSIT A/C INTEREST	161	122
CAF BANK 12MTH FIX A/C INTEREST	395	386
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25780</b>	<b>23844</b>

<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
ELECTRICITY	2747	2386
WATER RATES	363	325
TELEPHONE/INTERNET	571	563
INSURANCE	1564	1546
LICENCES	817	745
CLEANING/FLOOR MAINTENANCE	3743	4506
GRASS CUTTING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	3501	2820
BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	809	4519
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	1452	2209
BANK CHARGES	60	60
OTHER		
Auditor	15	49
Sundry Expenses 2018		
8 New Chairs		329
Gift - out going Trustee Anne Merritt		50
Gift - outgoing cleaner		32
Purchase & installation of Flag Pole & Flags		836
Nest heating System		901
Path construction works		7895
Hire charges refund		133
Sundry expenses 2019		
Replacement projector	1080	
Replacement stepladder	43	
Replacement kettle	50	
New mugs & glasses	61	
Stationery	42	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16918</b>	<b>29904</b>

**WILLIAMS HALL, STOKE ST GREGORY  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.2019**

<b>CAF BANK CURRENT A/C</b>	<b>£</b>
balance b/fwd 1.1.2019	<b>3396.91</b>
Uncleared items at end of 2018	0.00
<b>Receipts</b>	35224.02
<b>Payments</b>	30698.55
Uncleared items at end of 2019	0.00
Uncleared cheques/BACS	0.00
<b>Balance as at 31.12.2019</b>	<b>7922.38</b>

<b>VIRGIN MONEY DEPOSIT A/C</b>	
Balance b/fwd 1.1.2019	<b>20494.65</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest added 31.5.19	77.01
interest added 30.11.19	83.71
Transfers in	3780.00
<b>Payments</b>	
Withdrawal for investment in 1 yr fixed rate CAF A/C 27.11.19	10000.00
<b>Balance as at 31.12.2019</b>	<b>14435.37</b>

<b>CAF Bank 1 yr fixed rate saver Issue 1</b>	
Balance b/fwd 1.1.2019	<b>30385.73</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest added 8.12.19	395.01
<b>Payments</b>	
A/c closed & balance transferred to 1 yr fixed rate saver Issue 2 8.12.19	30780.74
<b>Balance as at 21.12.2019</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>CAF Bank 1yr fixed rate saver Issue 2</b>	
Account opened 8.12.2019	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
transfer in from Issue 1 8.12.19	30780.74
New investment	10000.00
<b>Payments</b>	0.00
<b>Balance as at 31.12.2019</b>	<b>40780.74</b>

<b>Total of balances held at banks as at 31.12.2019</b>	<b>63138.49</b>
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