

ABINGDON HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2026

It wasn't a great start to our year as we were without a secretary and in November our treasurer had to resign. Thankfully in March Jackie Hebron and Amanda Taylor agreed to take on over the secretarial duties.

I had been doing the accounts since November and with great relief I handed them over to Keith Sinner at the end of March.

The open gardens event held in June raised £1237.90 and a successful Christmas supper raised £689.52. These two events gave our funds a boost.

As you can all see the tapestry has been completed and really enhances the Hall. This room has been decorated and the ceiling repaired thanks to fundraising organised by Maggie Hale. A big thank you to everyone who donated money to the project.

The hall continues to be run as a community space and is used weekly for Yoga, Art and Craft groups plus the parish council, IMPHA and SWIM use it most months for their meetings.

Are next projects are to get the new emergency lights fitted and to decorate the outside of the hall.

Our AGM is on Thursday 28th May at 7pm and we do need two more trustees. If anyone feels they could contribute to our committee please contact me before the meeting.

While I have the floor I would like to announce that this years 100 Club is about to start and there are some numbers available. The 100 Club raises £300 each for the Abingdon Hall and Village Club. Anyone interested in joining should contact either me or Mervyn Marsh.

REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE CLUB 2025/26

The Club has had a happy and successful year. The building appears to be in more use than ever with weekly events as well as monthly and annual events taking place. The annual Pantomime took place at the end of February. Hailed as the best yet! It was enjoyed by full houses on all 3 nights with memorable performances and our grateful thanks once again go to the "Delso Crew". Besides being so much enjoyed it also added approx. £2,000 to Club funds. Also, now annual is the " Boules" Tournament which took place in June and was well supported. Monthly events have included – Quizes and Coffee Mornings. The Snooker room is being well used. Outside events have also enjoyed the use of the Club in particular the wedding party for "Spundy" and Katie and the IMPHA Christmas. All of these events have added to our finances which are in a healthy position. Sadly we lost our Treasurer Rod Major who passed away. We are fortunate that Tony Freestone kindly agreed to take over From Rod. Our cleaner decided to leave us but the ladies on committee are filling the gap. My thanks go to the Committee for their continued support, not just organising events but the help they give to the upkeep of the building.

Penny Marsh [Chair