

E.C.W.A
A.G.M
1st August 2016 to 31st July 2017

Secretary's Report

The 4 main areas to report on for this year are:

Events
Hall Hire
Premise
Communication

Events

Members of E.C.W.A have organised and participated in the following events which were all held at Eastoft Village Hall:

August 2016 Community Gathering and Music Night
September 2016 Village Table Top Sale
September 2016 History Talk by Angus Townley on the Isle Drainage System
October 2016 Music Night with local musicians
April 2017 Quiz Night hosted by Steve Furnell
June 2017 Summer Time Boogie Night

These events reflect the types of activities that were requested by those residents who responded to the March/April/May 2016 E.C.W.A survey in the local Arrow Magazines and posted through resident's letterboxes.

At each event there has been an average turnout of approximately 30-40 people attending- a combination of local and non-local residents and feedback has been very positive.

Eastoft Village Hall Hire

Over the past year, the hall has been hired by the following:

Post Office Outreach Service	weekly every Tuesday morning
Private Group Hire	fortnightly on Tuesday evenings
Sewing Group	fortnightly (The group ceased at Xmas 2016. However the group members hope that it may re-start in the future.)
Gardening Club	monthly on every second Wednesday
Gardening Committee	monthly on every third Wednesday
Meditation Class	monthly (This is under review and likely to change to a session being held for half a day every 2-3 months.)
Eastoft Parish Council	bi-monthly second Monday of the month
Andrew Percy MP	Broadband Presentation

Private function hire, namely for funeral receptions and as facilities to support weddings being held at St Bartholomew's Church in Eastoft. This is a new type of hall hire user group and E.C.W.A appreciates the local support being shown for this community facility.

Premise

The hall user groups have changed over the years and have left a variety of equipment in the hall. This has now been sorted and either: disposed of (if unsafe and unfit for use), sold (if unlikely to be used again) and funds generated used to support E.C.W.A or stored in the attic if it is a suitable size, in good condition and likely to be used again. This has then created storage space for current user groups and has increased the available outside patio floor space.

The Gardening Club has kindly created and maintained floral window ledge boxes at the hall.

E.C.W.A has purchased a number of tables to replace ones which went missing from the hall during 2015-2016.

There has been a full electrical check done on the hall together with a fuse box upgrade to comply with current regulations.

A grant has been applied for, to renovate the outside fabric of the building and a decision is still pending.

Communication

The Eastoft Community website has been revamped and is being regularly used to promote activities in the village by: E.C.W.A, Eastoft Church of England Primary School, St Bartholomew's Church and Eastoft Gardening Club. It is also being used to record hall bookings, so interested parties can see at a glance when it is available for hire. This media facility is also being used to update local residents on village information such as the War Memorial and the Tour of Britain.

The In Eastoft Face book page was set up during this year, is administered by member of E.C.W.A. and currently has approximately 180 members. It is used daily to promote: village activities, small local businesses, residents with items to sell or enquiring about available services and for local residents to be able to contact other villagers with local news.

Events being held at Eastoft village hall are promoted through both the website and Face book page. They are also promoted through large blackboard displays both inside and outside the hall. Posters are also used inside and outside the hall and on the village green noticeboard.

Event leaflet drops are also being used on a door to door basis to every Eastoft resident.

Minutes of E.C.W.A Meetings are also now in the public domain both on noticeboards inside and outside the hall and on the village green and on the Eastoft Community website. So local residents are fully informed of discussions, activities being held and plans for future developments.

