

PVH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021- 2022

There have been some challenges this year, but also some great successes! The outstanding work to raise funds for the Ukraine DEC involved all the committee. The two events (Bring and Buy Coffee Morning and the film night) brought together the community and friends of PVH and resulted in a donation of £2130 for the appeal. Well done team Pudleston!

In addition, we raised £650 for the Midlands Air Ambulance. The first event a picnic, was a family event that brought the community together, the second a supper talk given by Mary Seldon (from MAA.)

This year has followed on from the COVID pandemic. Whilst government grants kept us afloat, it has been a challenge re-establishing community engagement with events. However, the supper talk (March) and the quiz and curry evening were both well supported, hopefully a sign people are ready to re-engage with events at the hall. On both occasions the food, provided by the committee, was excellent and much remarked upon. Huge thank you to all those involved.

We also enjoyed two excellent music events. Remi Harris returned to Pudleston and in November Grey Wolf provided a great set supported by Bandangle. Concerns relating to COVID did result in our planned Christmas event being cancelled. Ticket sales and managing the hall set up has fallen to Roger and has gone very well. We now prefer monies to be transferred in advance using the BACS system too.

We have experienced the benefits of our new sound system and reverberation panels during meetings, events, and films. Thanks to Len who took on the role of "film organiser" this year. He is working to increase attendances at these regular events.

We must also recognise the efforts of Judy and Roger. Roger qualified as our Personal Licence Holder and together they keep the bar stocked so the beer, wine, and cider can flow at all events. Their talents do not stop there! We enjoy jacket potatoes at all the films and Roger oversees the maintenance of the hall and grounds. A major undertaking this year was to make safe and restore the hall floor. It was suffering from rot and wood worm and cost a huge amount of money and several attempts to put it right. I am pleased to say we finally have a floor which enhances the appearance of the hall. A recent hirer emailed to say..... [I was so pleased to see the 'School' in such good condition. I was there as a pupil for 6 years \(1953 to 1959\)](#)

Several members retired from the committee after years of service, Susannah, Judy Malet, Patricia Patton and Rachel, although she continues as a supporter of PVH. It has however been a pleasure to welcome Vicki, Janet and Jane and Bill. Jane took on the role of Booking Secretary and brought, with Sarah, new ideas for promoting and marketing the hall. It is unfortunate that circumstances have changed, and she has given up this role. Hopefully she and Bill will be able to return to us in the future. Jane has also undertaken on a huge job completing a health and safety Risk Assessment for the hall. This was something we did not have and will help provide priorities for future developments. Thank you. Other newcomers joining our team this year are our cleaner, Shell Roos and a grass cutter. They have made a big difference to the workload of us, and the hall and grounds look lovely. I would also like to mention our regular supporters who have contributed to PVH this year. Andy Offer, Jane and Chris Turvey and Rachel, we need more like them!

The committee have also worked hard to put in place some of the essential policies which are now required. We have policies to help direct our work as trustees and provide guidance to those who use the hall. We currently have the following in place, Safeguarding Policy, Finance Policy, Marketing and Communications Policy, WIFI and Internet Use Policy as well as an up-to-date Risk Assessment.

Everyone has contributed throughout the year and worked hard to make events successful, thank you. I must thank Sarah for her work on the new website and for advertising the hall, and all we do

around Herefordshire and beyond. The job is ongoing and takes a great deal of time, but it is starting to make a difference. Thank you.

I would also like to acknowledge the work done by Keith as treasurer. Thank you. He most definitely goes above and beyond the job description! He keeps our spending under constant review and works hard to find additional revenue. Most recently he gained us £10,000 from Awards for All for our future development. I honestly do not know what we would do without him! Finally, I would like to thank Roger who took on the role of Secretary this year. A job he finds a challenge! And I am pleased that if no one else wants the job, he has agreed to continue for a further year,

As Trustees we are a team and that is the only way this can work. Whilst I have not mentioned everyone individually, everyone's contribution to the team is much appreciated and invaluable. Thank you everyone, it's been hard at times but a success as well.

I do have some thoughts about moving forward but these will follow at the start of the ordinary meeting.

Linda Fryer
Chair person
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