

# Secretary's Report 2014 - 2015

Once again I must begin by thanking the committee for their support; at monthly meetings, hall events, Fayre Day and all their hard work in-between times over the 2014 - 2015 Village Hall year. Your work is much appreciated. This year Suzanne Fernando kindly agreed to take over the minutes secretary role and I thank her for this.

Mrs Stainton continues to do a sterling job with our regular hall bookings and Paul Johnson now manages the bigger rentals such as weddings.

Thank you to Mr Cliff Chase our truly dedicated cleaner. His role in making sure the hall is ready for everyone's use is key to the smooth running of the hall.

This year has seen an extraordinary amount of work carried out by Paul in preparing the extensive paperwork involved with the funding applications for the hall renovations. I cannot stress how much time, effort and dedication this has taken. The planned renovation work has had a small effect on our ability to take bookings this year.

The village 'Pub Night' has seen an encouraging revival and our numbers have been increasing significantly. As an evening they provide an excellent opportunity for everyone to meet, chat and relax together in an informal setting. We feel that the latest successful increase in interest and popularity is due to the Free Entry.

We continue to host Rural touring events and our springtime performance saw a renewed interest from villagers which was encouraging to see. We hope to book more events once the hall renovations are complete.

This August saw the inaugural Appleby Open Gardens and Scarecrow Day. The Village Hall would like to thank the organisers for the exceptional amount of work they put into the event and for all the people from the Village who helped it to run so smoothly. We were especially fortunate to have been given the profits from the Bric-a-Brac stall. WELL DONE!

We are glad to continue hosting our regular hall bookings from the Parish Council, Women's Institute, Bingo, Bird Auction and the Art Group. Welcome additions to this are an extra Art Group on a Wednesday afternoon and the Pilates class on a Monday morning.

**The committee have ensured that all matters concerning the licensing, legislation and other legal matters of which they are aware are in order. Insurance of the building, contents therein, field and cover for third parties and officers of the premises and the potential liabilities of this committee.**

**In accordance with the lease and trust deed the committee and its officers so elected, have dealt with all the matters outlined therein for the good of the village hall and the inhabitants of the Parish of Appleby in the county of North Lincolnshire (the area of benefit).**

**Natalie Hogg - Secretary Appleby Village Hall**