

# Doynton Village Hall

## Chairman's Report 2017

We started 2017 welcoming two new members on to the management committee, Joanna Bond and Nicola Ellis. The first major decision we faced was whether to paint or varnish the staircase during the redecoration of the hall, Matt Crawford poised with brush in hand the committee where split. In the end paint was agreed and the end result was well received. We also decided that the job of managing the hall bookings and other day to day activities had become too much to expect of a volunteer. So we advertised for a Hall Manager a number of applicants came forward and Suzanne Carten was successful and started at the beginning of May.

The month of May was also the Hall's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. That couldn't go without a celebration and so that became the hall committees main event of the year. An afternoon tea and evening party with live band and BBQ. We also had a display of photographs from the hall through the years, many thanks to all those that went searching in the back of cupboards . The display became the centre piece of the event and brought back many memories to all who attended. The pub closed in June and after some discussion the POP Up pub returned in August and ran through to the end of the year. Thanks to all who supported and our Guest Bar staff, with still no details of the reopening of the Pub who knows it may pop up again.

Hall bookings continue to be strong with the Hall in use on most days. Weddings have again reached the quota of 4, and we are also becoming a popular venue for Children's parties. Regular bookings for Yoga, Dog Training, WI, Filling Station and the Country Market, keep the diary full.

Finances continue to remain healthy, thanks to the rental income and supported by the PV cells feed in tariff.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who helps out with various functions and tasks, giving their time generously to support the Village Hall and our community.

Pete Hart