

# Doynton Village Hall

## Chairman's Report 2018

We started 2018 with a very muddy car park, so we were forced to fence off the grass area. In the spring a repair to the sunken area was completed, which to date has been successful. A more permanent fix to the car park area is on the agenda for 2019, look out for information in the Parish News or if you have any ideas please talk to a committee member.

You may have noticed a new sink in the kitchen. We are in the process of registering the kitchen for food preparation. The new sink, for hand washing only, was one of the requirements.

As the Pub remained closed the POP UP popped up in July . It proved very popular through the summer and autumn and ran until the end of November.

Concern was raised over the amount of debris that was falling from the large tree at the bottom of the drive. We arranged for a survey and as we feared the tree was diseased, the recommendation was to have it felled. This was done in September. The tree was in fact a sucker from the original which was felled in the 1960's. So hopefully a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation may appear in the spring.

The original a False Acacia was planted in memory of Honor Salmon (nee Pitman), who was killed in WW2.

The final event of the year was the Pop Up Village New Years Eve Party. It was well attended and the Old and New were celebrated in style with an American Supper, Disco extravaganza and the odd glass or two!!

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 very 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