

2004 – and particularly April – was a busy time for the Committee

A Tightly Run Village Hall

At the end of April your village hall committee received a welcome commendation from the Community Council for Somerset. Representatives had visited a couple of weeks earlier and made a thorough investigation of the premises and procedures relating to *Charity Administration and Management*.

HALLMARK ★

Not only did the committee receive the 'One Hallmark' award, but they did it in style. Of the 39 checkpoints inspected, 13 are obligatory for the award and only 18 of the remaining 26 need be met. Charlton Horethorne Village Hall was approved on all 39 checkpoints.

"This is a tightly run village hall" declared the report. "There is an air of flourishing community. ... Considering the constraints of an elderly wooden building the committee have managed to make use of every inch to good effect."

Well, it's nice to hear it from independent inspectors.

Village Hall Committee resigns en masse

Everybody on the Village Hall Committee is resigning. This could be a crisis for the parish. Fortunately they are simply following the Trust Deed which requires them to do so prior to the AGM; they can then stand for re-election if they wish.



Len Grant, chairman, has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election. Len has served the committee extremely well over the past year, showing both enthusiasm and vision. He will be greatly missed in many ways but has kindly offered to see through to conclusion the installation of the new heating system (which should be put in hand at the end of this month). Len will also continue to organise the Short Mat Bowls and the Art & Craft, proceeds of both groups going to village hall funds.

Residents of the parish are warmly invited to join the committee. Please put your name forward to Denise Cooper, secretary (Cadmans, Level Lane 220573), along with the names of proposer and seconder. Officially this should be done at least two weeks before the AGM, ie by Monday 5th April.

Village Hall Committee

At the Village Hall AGM on 20th April a new committee was elected. Some names are well known but it's good to see a number of new people willing to serve also. This is the line-up:

David Peet - *Chairman*
Alan Cooper - *Secretary and Vice-Chairman*
Ann White - *Booking Secretary*
David Kirby - *Treasurer, to be co-opted*
Lester Batchelor
Jenny Biggs
John Chapman
Bill Closs
Denise Cooper
Janet Cresswell
Jim Cresswell
Keith Prettejohns

It's particularly heartening to have a representative from Stowell, which should make communication easier. And to have as many as 12 members is a luxury not enjoyed for a few years now.

We are grateful to these folk for their service. Let's give them all the support we can.