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TO ALL RESIDENTS AND REGULAR USERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Thank you for your support during the past twelve months. The following report covers the period up to April this year but I thought an update on the current situation would be appreciated. The hall site went in lockdown during March and April and has continued to be so. The condition of all the buildings is regularly checked and essential maintenance is carried- out

At the time of writing it is very unclear when the site will reopen. Given that many hall users fall into the vulnerable categories and also that under Government guidelines, the Trustees are responsible for the health and safety of all site users, we will use caution. The decision to reopen will be taken after consultation with The Residents Association and major users. An enterprising effort was carried out by Jack Holloway and Nicolas Wolstenholme. During a Thursday evening they projected a tribute to the NHS onto the roof of the hall and made a drone video which was forwarded to the BBC.

PRATTS BOTTOM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT. March 2019- April 2020

From March 2019 until the end of February 2020 the hall was host to a wide range of activities and now is an opportunity to remind everyone of just some of the range of social and leisure needs that had been met:- Yoga, Palates, Ballroom Dancing, Badminton, WI and Model Railway Society meetings; Indoor Bowls, Dog Training, the Brownies and the Friday club for disabled persons. The diary also featured family celebrations and commemorative events, quiz nights and jumble sales, children's parties, sales fairs, successful exhibitions and drama productions.

Long planned and significant improvements were made to the storage/dressing room area and the stage electrical systems. The stage curtains and operating system were replaced.

Through 2019 and early 2020 owing to the uncertain general economic climate the number of casual hirings had diminished, some regular bookings were discontinued and the hire rates came under pressure. At the same time some costs increased. The hall's income was reduced month on month. . The Trustees initiated an operating review but later events were to make that an academic exercise.

During the ten months before the lockdown there were over 250 different sessions of varying durations . A very big 'Thank You' is owed to the team of volunteer Trustees and helpers that made it possible to operate the village hall. But, due to the Coronavirus regulations, everything came to a stop at the end of February. A very uncertain future for the hall and its users lay ahead.

A PDF version of the Financial Statement is being prepared and will be available soon. You can register a request for a copy by e-mail to

<bookings@pbvh.co.uk> or you can call 01689 858258 between 10am.-5pm

Finally , I must end on a deeply sad note. Nigel Jones, a very kind, helpful and competent member of the Trustee team died on Tuesday 5th May. He did make an enormous contribution to the running of the hall and other village events. He will be greatly missed.

JOHN HICKINBOTTOM.
Chairman-PBVHMC. 20th May 2020.

