

## Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall Management Committee

### Annual General Meeting – Monday 26th April 2018 - Chairman's Report

I now complete my third full year as Chair of the Memorial Hall Management Committee in this year which marks 100 years since the end of The Great War. Our memorial plaque in the entrance is, and should always remain, a testament to those in whose memory this hall is dedicated.

Hampsthwaite is changing and, whilst many may have mixed feelings about the changes, Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall belongs to all : we extend a welcome to new residents and invite people to come forward and offer their services and support.

I am pleased to report another very successful year but I must repeat that this doesn't just happen: it is the result of constant monitoring by the Management Committee and continued support for the organisations they represent. It is the result of the often unsung efforts of the Principal Officers: Vice Chair (*Phil*), Booking Secretary (*Mel*) and Treasurer (*Peter*). And its continued success depends on new volunteers stepping up when the need arises. Thanks are due to John for continuing with the work associated with event preparation – and this year I can also welcome our new Secretary, *Debbie Sudlow*, who 'volunteered' in September.

Hall improvements have continued. We now have very powerful hand dryers in the toilets! The last round of improvements to the stage and kitchen area are now completed but we are already in the process of applying for funding to replace our ageing dishwasher and we are in conversation with the Players to see how we can further improve the stage systems.

In terms of general maintenance, the cleaning programme is now extended to be twice weekly (Friday and Monday mornings), we have contracted with Cathedral Hygiene Services to cover our legal requirements, and we now provide an operating base for the Community PayBack Team whose assistance we are able to call on for general clearing, cleaning and paint around the hall, as part of their commitment to community work in the village.

And for the future - a survey was conducted at the last AGM to seek views of residents and this is repeated again tonight. Top 3 items last year were: Soundproof Screens, Starcloth Ceiling & Drapes, Facility for Craft Courses. The Sub-group have also identified the need for Fire Alarm and suggested refurbished toilets might be added to the list. If HBC promises of funding from the new housing come to fruition, I have every expectation we should be able to meet some if not all of these needs in the foreseeable future.

Geoff Howard – 21st April 2018

- All Minutes and Agendas for the Memorial Hall are now posted on the village website at <http://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/memorialhall/687> and all Policy documents at <http://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/memorialhall/548>.
- A history of the Memorial Hall, with illustrations can be view on the village website at <http://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/villagehistory/392>
- Details of the Energy Efficiency Refurbishment project can be viewed on the village website at <http://www.hampsthwaite.org.uk/memorialhall/584>