

ANNUAL EVENTS REPORT April 2024 – 25

Starting with the most recent, and working backwards, the following are the main fundraising events we have held over the last year...

- March Table-top sale & Pop-up Pub. Table-top sales are a quick & relatively easy way to make money. This year, with the sale of the tables and a pop-up café, we took £250. The pop-up pub was a reasonably successful evening. The Bistro Guy provided pizzas which went down well, and Guy is happy to return and do the same thing in June at the Scavenger Hunt. The bar made a small profit for the hall of around £150.
- The annual Christmas Fair which, as always was a great success thanks to Yvonne as always for organising it. I think we had around 16 – 18 tables so a sum of between £160 & £180 was taken on those and we made £75 on the refreshments.
- The Plot Thickens – this Rural Arts production was attended by around 40 people. We charged £15pp and after paying for the production, plus other expenses we made just over £400, so definitely worth the effort.
- Our Summer Social last July made around £550 profit, similar to the year before.
- The Book Nook continues to thrive with many regulars. We generally have between 30 – 35 people come every month. I continue to spend the takings on items to enhance and improve the hall, but we were still able to pay in £400 to the hall's account at the end of this financial year. Since February we have given our profits to the neo-natal unit at James Cook and the village's church restoration fund.
- A Willow weaving workshop was well attended but non-profitable.

Looking ahead I have applied for a variety of productions from Rural Arts but won't know until June if we have been successful in securing some or any of them. Paul has undertaken to organise our next fundraiser a Scavenger Hunt around the village on 22nd June.

I couldn't have done any of this without the help and support of a few very good friends, so a huge thank you, as always, to Dawn Jacques, Sue Moon, Juliette Pemberton, Jane Harris & Mandy Newlove.