

REPORT AND ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL DURING 2016

- Welcome everyone and thank you for attending our Hall AGM. I would now like to tell Hall members some of what we have achieved this year.
- We had some Community Service workers over and they painted the Committee Room, passage, disabled loo, the downstairs toilets and the entrance hall which freshened up these areas considerably. Although they needed supervision the work was done for the price of the paint so saved us a good deal of time and money. The disabled loo is now fully functioning with a new lock.
- We have had the entrance hall, passage between the Committee Room and disabled loo refloored with a new harder wearing vinyl laid. When it came to the loo being refloored it was found that the floor was completely rotten so needed to be replaced. I would like to thank Roger and Dan for their work renewing this and for the start of the new storage boxes in the Committee Room! Niall Bachuil wired in our 3 new wall heaters and Stephen Green renewed the lighting in the Doctor's Surgery for us for which many thanks.
- The teething problems with our water system seem to be resolved and it now seems to be working well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean MacDonald for his help getting us through our water test successfully.
- Last year the Hall put on 2 dances, had a produce sale and a car boot sale to fund raise. I would like to record the Director's thanks to Alison Weir for all her donations to the Car Boot sale. I would also like to say on behalf of the Directors how sorry we are to see the Bowls group end, but we are storing their equipment safely, so I am sure we will see them back again sometime in the future.
- There were, I think, 15 lumiere days as well as all the regular community groups who use the Hall. Country dancing, bowls, the art group, Lismore Choir, The Community Council, the Community Trust, The Granny Bus, Photography Club, Mooring Association, Sports & Raft Race Committee, the Lismore Show, The School Parent Council, fitness groups, craft fairs and the Doctor's surgery all contributed to Hall income with their usage. There were also various private parties and ceilidhs.

- There will be more from Gilly, our Treasurer following my report, on the finances of the Hall, but I would like to remind users that we hadn't put up our Hall charges since 1st January 2013, so I hope that you will understand the need for the increase in charges. Electricity is a huge burden on our finances and any help switching off radiators when not in use would be much appreciated. We have also asked for the first time for donations for use of the Hall following Funerals or Memorials and hope that this won't offend anyone.
- We will be having a 'Love Your Hall' event on the 22nd April – more details will follow, and we are trying to put together an 'Arts Programme' at the Hall and any feedback from you would be much appreciated.
- Finally, I would like to thank all the Hall Directors and volunteers who have worked so hard again this year to ensure that the Hall is available and in good condition for the whole community.