

**PARISH HALL COMMITTEE – REPORT TO ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE PARISH 23 MAY 2017**

Members of our Parish Hall Committee are:

Reg Howe (Chairman), Ken Dykes (Vice Chairman), Sheila Bray (Treasurer), Wendy Vigus (Secretary), Tiffany Nicolson, Jeremy Filmer-Bennett, Christine Dey, Phil Dey, Wendy Sweet & Tony Moore.

Our objectives are fourfold :-

- 1) To maintain the hall and improve facilities where possible
- 2) To run events for the parish
- 3) To promote events to generate income
- 4) To encourage the use of the hall by parishioners/ outside agencies

Re 1) Ken Dykes has put together some successful applications to the Batsworthy fund for improvements to our hall. Hence the **new tables, new chairs** in the Committee Room and a project to install **new hall lights, wifi, a new film screen**, inside and outside **building works** (check for availability of the hall during July) and a **hearing loop**

Re 2) We had a very successful winter's programme of **films** thanks to Michele & Tim Browse which encouraged many visitors from other parishes to come to Knowstone, many taking benefit of the **Masons Meal Deal**. **Coffee mornings** have been re-introduced – to coincide with the mobile library visit to Knowstone; and are proving to be very popular. On **24th June** we have our **Village Fair and Show** running from 1pm to 4pm with lots of amusements, games and attractions; hopefully something for everyone. There will be **competitions** for all ages in **art, photography, flowers, cakes and vegetables**. And there'll be a **dog show** so polish up your pooch. We are currently working on ideas for future events – ideas welcome!

Re 3) We make thoughtful use of the media to ensure that people in Devon are aware of what we have to offer and people come from far and wide especially for the regular **Dance Nights**.

Re 4) The parish website not only has details of all our events, but also some very useful information on our parish hall – floor plan, inventory, dimensions, facilities (eg projection equipment) and this has generated many bookings – Aston Martin Owners Club Ferrari Owners Club, Devon Doctors – they recognise a really good facility when they read about it; and we also advertise in ‘In Touch’ and our local newspapers & news sheets.

My thanks to all members of the Hall Committee for their hard work and imaginative ideas for activities and events.

Although there are committee members who represent other parish organisations (Parish Council, Parochial Church Council) additional members are welcome. Just tell our secretary that you are keen to help!

Final point – our programme is on the **parish website** - just key in www.knowstone.org.uk you might be surprised!

Reg Howe
Chairman, Parish Hall Committee
15 May 2017