

## **Clent Parish Hall Report 2022 for Vestry Meeting 12 March 2023**

2022 has been a very busy year for bookings with regular hirers increasing to twenty and private bookings standing at an average of fifty per annum. One of the new regular hirers is Clent Connect with pop-up cafés on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

The Administrative Trustees have worked closely with Clent Connect throughout the year to enable them to achieve their vision of a physical “heart of the community hub” incorporating a shop and café where people can meet. Planning permission was granted on 14 January 2022 to build an extension to the side of the Hall which will be leased to Clent Connect on a peppercorn rent. Wayne Jones, the Architect, worked closely with Trustees and Clent Connect to provide the infrastructure required for such a venture. The Call for Tender went out to prospective builders in March 2022 with the successful firm, JSO Builders, starting work on 18 July 2022. The new Clent Connect Hub was officially opened on 11 March 2023.

A sub-committee was formed to carry out the work involved in preparing the lease for Clent Connect. Jon Prior, our Treasurer, was joined by Trustees, Neill Robb and Paul Timmins, and Bookings Secretary, James Bradbury. We wish to thank them for all their hard work which ensured that the lease was finalised in good time for handover to Clent Connect.

We wish to thank Paul Timmins, who has carried out all the maintenance work at the Hall to a very high standard throughout the year, always responding quickly to any urgent matters. Paul has played a key role in answering any practical queries from the architect and builder to ensure that the build went ahead smoothly. We are extremely grateful to Paul for all he does.

We wish to thank the Fundraisers who provide both entertainment and funding to help the Hall's finances.

We wish to thank Diane, the cleaner, and Joe Weston, the Hall gardener.

Jane Collins has continued as key holder and we do thank her very much for the conscientious and thorough way in which she does this important job.

James and Tricia Bradbury have continued as our Booking Secretaries and their wonderful efficiency is appreciated by all those using the Hall. This has been their busiest year in their twelve year history! James has liaised with all hirers and the builder ensuring minimum disruption to regular groups using the Hall.

We wish to thank Jon Prior for all his hard work as Treasurer, in particular his assiduous work this year with the Diocese – the freehold owner of the Hall.

We also wish to thank Richard Woolley for auditing our accounts.

### **The Managing Trustees:**

**Anne Harris (chair), Rosemarie Buchan, Paul Timmins, Ann Nation, Neill Robb**