

## **Clent Parish Hall Report 2023 for Vestry Meeting 3 March 2024**

2023 has been another very busy year for bookings with nineteen regular hirers on a weekly, fortnightly and monthly basis. In addition, private bookings stand at an average of fifty per annum. One of the highlights of the year came in May when the Hall played a central role in the Coronation celebrations.

The final building work on the extension was completed in the first couple of months of the year and the new Clent Connect Hub was officially opened on 11 March 2023. The shop/café has become a very popular place for people to meet, in addition to the Saturday and Wednesday pop-up cafés in the Hall itself, thereby enabling Clent Connect to achieve their vision of a 'heart of the community hub'. The Administrative Trustees and the Treasurer worked closely with Clent Connect to realise their dream and we are delighted with their success.

We wish to thank the Fundraisers who provide both entertainment and funding to help the Hall's finances. They have, once again, had a good year and we are grateful for all their support.

Increased activity levels in the Hall have affected the workload of both Bookings Secretaries, James and Tricia Bradbury, and the Keyholder, Jane Collins. Their diligent support and the conscientious, thorough way in which they carry out these jobs are appreciated by all those using the Hall. We wish to thank them for the important work that they do.

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. He has improved the lighting in the main Hall by taking strip lights out and putting LED lights in. Paul has played a key role in answering any practical queries from Clent Connect. We are extremely grateful to Paul for all he does.

We wish to thank Diane, the cleaner.

We wish to thank Jon Prior for all his hard work as Treasurer.

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**