

LLANDINAM VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Chairman's Report

The Building

We are very fortunate in having such a beautiful Village Hall at the centre of our community, able to host so many activities in the village, but as a Grade II listed building it does require a great deal of funding to support its upkeep, over and above the revenue from lettings and the affiliation fees from local organisations.

As usual our efforts have been divided between encouraging activities in the hall and maintaining and improving the fabric of the building.

Affiliated Organisations

There are a number of local organisations who are affiliated to the village hall and who use the hall on a monthly basis:-

- The Women's Institute
- The Women's British Legion
- The Short Mat Bowls Club
- The Gardening Club

In addition the folk music charity TASC, based in Llandinam, holds occasional meetings, workshops and events in the hall, and the Llandinam Drama Group rehearses for its productions.

The hall is also regularly used by:-

- St Llonio's Parish Church
- The Presbyterian Chapel
- Llandinam Primary School

Hirings & Lettings

- The Age Concern Luncheon Club meet weekly and as well as meals they provide activities and talks for those attending. People from the surrounding villages attend as well as residents of Llandinam.
- The Across Wales Walk will again be using the hall as a rest and refreshment stop.
- Broneirion Singing Circle is once more holding a 4-day event in May.
- A pre-Christmas Concert was held with a West Wales choir singing original music.
- TASC held their Twelfth Night celebration involving both a concert at the church and a ceilidh in the hall.



TRUSTEES 2007

Michael Jones, chair
Brian Allen, vice chair
Sue Jackson, treasurer
Margaret Rogers, hon. sec.
Roche Davies
John Pryce
Walter Jones
Hetty Higgs
Wynn Gwalchmai
Mary Stephens
Janet Jones
Gwyn Jackson
Kevin Morgan
Ron Higgins
Brian Matthews
Lynda Cowan
Jenny Garrard
Toby Forrow
Philip Freeman

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- TASC also held the official launch of its book of tunes and dances for the village *the Seven Suite*
- The hall was hired by individuals and organisations on a number of occasions, including:-
 - Guides Cymru
 - Farm Stay
 - Wind Farm Exhibitions
 - David Davies Hunt Supporters Charity Auction
 - Mid Wales Bridge Club
 - Private parties, including weddings

We were pleased to be able to support two new ventures, particularly since they were both the initiatives of young people from the village:-

- A series of modern dance workshops
- Tai Kuando classes for all ages

Website

Towards the end of 2007 we began setting up a website. We felt this would be not only useful for the Village Hall – and already several bookings have resulted – but also for the village as a whole. The site is in the early stages of development, but we would hope that during 2008 it will be able to contain an increasing amount of information about and for the village.

Constitution

The constitution of the Village Hall needs updating and changing to keep it in line with the many changes in legislation that have taken place in recent years, as well as with the changing nature of rural communities.

We set up a working party to look at the constitution, taking into account the needs of village residents and local organisations, as well as taking advice from the Charity Commission, the Licensing Officer and others.

This process is expected to be completed during 2008.

Maintenance and Development

The Maintenance and Development Sub-Committee was formed to give coherence to the necessary programme of day-to-day maintenance of the Hall (a Grade II Listed Building opened in 1911) to consider and progress improvements to the facilities.

Prior to the formation of the Sub-Committee, a small group of members completely redecorated the main hall and library, establishing the principle that much may be accomplished by gifted labour and a minimal expenditure on materials.

During the period January – March 2007 the Sub-Committee was responsible for a complete re-furbishment of the kitchen. This project at a cost of some £12,000 involved some building work

including the fitting of a false ceiling to address the problems associated with old peeling paint. This also accommodated the new wiring. New cabinets with stainless steel worktops, were installed and the walls were tiled. A commercial grade electric cooker, an efficient extractor fan and a commercial dishwasher were installed together with new refrigerator and freezer cabinets. In addition to the necessary trades, this project involved 400 hours of gifted labour.

This work was supported through a grant from Entrust which was made possible by registering the hall as an Environmental Body. We are also grateful to Potters for their generous donation of funds to complete this project.

Future Plans

Ongoing maintenance projects include:

- dealing with water ingress to the chimney stacks and one wall
- re-decoration, where necessary, when the problems have been resolved.

Future projects include (in some cases subject to securing the necessary funding):

- renovation and re-assessment of the stage lighting
- fitting of hearing loops to the main hall, library and parlour
- re-decoration and tiling of the gents' lavatories
- re-decoration of the main stairwell.

Thank You

I would again like to thank the Committee and volunteers for all the hard work and effort they have put in during the past 12 months.

Mike Jones
Chairman



**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of LLANDINAM VILLAGE HALL
Charity Number 524410**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2007 which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

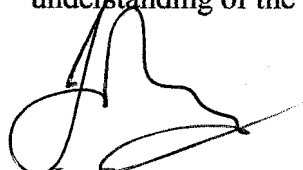
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records (in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act); and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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8 March 2008

