

Brookwood Memorial Halls

Registered charity number 304981

Report for the year ending 31st December 2011

The Halls are managed by committee constituted under a Deed of Trust dated 20th February 1950 for the benefit of all inhabitants of the Village of Brookwood. The Management Committee is appointed annually in April comprising 4 members elected by qualifying inhabitants and up to 14 members representing recognised Village organisations. A further 6 members may be co-opted by the Management Committee to represent other local interests. All Management Committee members serve for a year from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are appointed. Co-opted members serve until the AGM following their co-option. The Management Committee throughout the year comprised Mr. J. Thornton (Chairman), Mrs. J. Gable (Secretary), Mr. A Male (Treasurer), Mrs. M. Cook, Mr. A. Gray, Mr N. Gair, Mrs. J. Stone (resigned 5 July 2011) and Mr Colin Greenwood (appointed 5 September 2011). The Hall's banker is the Charities Aid Foundation, West Malling, Kent. The Management Committee has established a policy to maintain financial reserves adequate to sustain the Halls' financial solvency in the event that the Halls became unlettable for a year, calculated as the average annual regular expenses measured over the three preceding financial years. The Committee estimate that a year would likely be the maximum period required to render the Halls fully lettable again after major insured damage. The Committee reviews this policy annually. The reserves policy was met throughout the year.

During 2011 we improved the exit doors and external lighting of the Small Hall, repaired and replaced guttering, replaced a Hut roof, improved external lighting to the Large Hall, installed water conservation butts, and repainted the Large Hall interior, whilst coping with the usual maintenance challenges and spiralling energy costs. All of which has kept the Halls in good condition, particularly remarkable given the increasing use of the Halls by the diverse groups of users based in and around Brookwood. Once again we hosted the annual Remembrance Day service, well attended by the local community and Church and Army representatives.

We said goodbye to Janet Stone, who gave the community over fifteen years of voluntary service from August 1995 as Lettings Agent, Caretaker and Management Committee member. Many thanks Janet for looking after the Halls and our hirers so well and for so long. And we said welcome to Colin Greenwood, who stepped up to act as our Lettings Agent, and has already been put fully to the test coping with new bookings and enquiries, and with keeping our regular hirers serviced.

John Thornton, Chairman

On behalf of the Management Committee, Brookwood Memorial Halls

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