

# **Brookwood Memorial Halls**

*Registered charity number 304981*

## **Report for the year ending 31st December 2015**

The Halls are managed by a Committee constituted under a Deed of Trust dated 20th February 1950 for the benefit of all Brookwood residents. The entirely volunteer Management Committee is appointed each April at the Annual General Meeting. It comprises 4 members elected by qualifying inhabitants and up to 14 members representing recognised Village organisations. A further 6 members may subsequently be co-opted by the Management Committee to represent other local interests. All Management Committee members serve for a year. Co-opted members serve until the following AGM. 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, Ms F. Green, Ms. L. Norris and Mr C. Greenwood (also voluntary Lettings Agent). The Hall's banker is the Charities Aid Foundation, West Malling, Kent. We maintained financial reserves throughout the year adequate to remain solvent in case the Halls become unlettable whilst major insured damage is repaired. We review this policy annually.

During 2015 we continued to maintain the Hall grounds, premises and equipment in good and safe order whilst controlling closely our expenses. One boiler was replaced and our heating controllers in the Large Hall were replaced and simplified, and a leaky kitchen roof repaired. Minor redecoration work was undertaken to touch up the Large Hall. Our financial reserves have built up to a healthy level again so we can continue our maintenance and improvement of the facilities. Both Halls were actively used throughout the year for a diverse range of activities and by groups of all ages, with discounts made to local and charitable hirers. The annual Remembrance Day service led by St Saviour's Church was again well supported. We continue to manage our expenditure closely, whilst ensuring that the Halls remain in good and attractive order, safe for our hirers and their guests.

The objects of our Trust are to maintain, improve and provide the facilities of the Halls to the benefit of the inhabitants of Brookwood and its immediate vicinity without discrimination. Our volunteers have again delivered on this trust diligently. On your behalf, I thank them for their efforts and invite other residents to come forward and help to continue our presentation of a safe, well used, accessible and valued village resource.

John Thornton, Chairman  
on behalf of the Management Committee, Brookwood Memorial Halls

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