

## REPORT FROM ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

The last year has been another busy one at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

With the major refurbishments of the previous two years out of the way, this year the trustees have focused on operating the building and routine maintenance to ensure its upkeep. In addition, we have added a Hearing Loop facility to benefit those who attend events and meetings at the community Hall who have reduced hearing and have suitable hearing aids. We acknowledge the generous £1000 grant towards this from Councillor Dan Clery and thank those that made small donations during the year that enabled us to fund the remaining £1200 cost.

Events at the hall have continued and a number of successful one-off events were held, including the following:

- *Regular events:* Community lunches, Knit and natter group, Gardening club, Friday evening socials, Fish and Chip evenings. The hall is also used for Parish Council meetings, leisure activities such as guitar playing, violin practice, a foot care clinic, tap dancing and pre and after school club activities and birthday parties.
- *One-off events:* Educational talks, Poetry evening, Wine tasting, VE day celebration, Summer barbeque, midsummer music event, Sunday cream teas, a wreath making workshop, Halloween party and a Burns Night evening to name but a few.

We have again operated a “warm welcome” facility on two days each week during the winter months as well as monthly on Sunday afternoons. This resource has been well used by local residents and visitors to the village and will continue to end of March. The trustees acknowledge the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and East Suffolk Council for the Grant provided to cover costs of energy for heating and free refreshments provided to visitors for the period of operation of the “warm welcome” facility.

The hall has also been made available for fundraising events for various charities during the year. The Knit and Natter group held a Christmas Fair which raised considerable funds for the Different Strokes charity.

The trustees appreciate the support of the parish council and members of the local community who have generously donated money and/or given their time to support the continued successful operation of the Angela Cobbold Hall and the numerous community events held at the hall over the past year.

Finally, on behalf of the trustees, I'll close by saying a big thank you to everyone that helps run the hall or has organised the events held in the hall, and to everyone that has used or has supported the hall in various ways this year.