

**Ousden Village Hall Management Committee**  
**CHAIR'S REPORT to Ousden Parish Council AGM**  
**May 2020**

We have had a busy year thanks to the stalwarts in our community who have contributed to the upkeep of the Village Hall.

At the time of writing, everything has, unfortunately, been put on hold due to the Coronavirus which started in March of this year. The Village Hall and play park are closed until further notice but the playing field is available for walking and recycling banks are in operation.

Since last May up until now, we have had a most successful year of activities and events. New younger members of the committee have brought enthusiasm and fresh ideas and some extremely successful events have taken place.

These have included:

A Pop -up Café on Sundays in the spring and summer, Summer Fete and competitions, Race Night and a Valentine Ceilidh. We also helped out at Ousden House NGS open day in June and supported the Village Breakfast.

The New Build Working Party has continued to press forward with developments, holding 3 open meetings and conducting a village survey during the summer. A planning application went in during February and we still await the outcome. The new chair of this committee is Celia Holt.

Although bookings remain low at the hall, the bowls club and cricket club remain constant. We had a new Yoga activity starting up in September which is extremely popular and attracts people from other villages.

We are grateful to John Gale, the Parish Council Chairman who attends our meetings and to the Parish Council who generously support us each year.

Our members are as follows:

Chair and secretary - Chris Ingham; Treasurer - Jessamy Saltmarsh;

Bookings Clerk -Alice Holt

Sylvia Pettitt; Julie Pryke; Celia Holt; John Gale; Clare Brown; Jane Ranner and Victoria Fanstone.

Working Party members – Celia Holt; Mike Hole; Richard Hurrell; Julie Pryke; Chris Ingham, Jessamy Saltmarsh; Alistair Rankin.

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