**Village Hall Report to the West Wratting Annual Parish Meeting - May 2018**

This has been another good year in which our regular activities have been well sustained. Keep Fit, T’ai Chi, FitSteps, and the Saturday Café, have all seen modest increases in numbers, often drawing new members from neighbouring villages. In addition, Friday Bridge and Over 60s have continued to support us in their use of the hall. Elections and the now regular Cycle Club events make important contributions to our income. We have received generous donations from the proceeds of a fascinating Indian music and dance evening, and from the Saturday Café. As a result our finances are in a steady state.

Redecoration and refurbishment in the Committee Room and Kitchen has continued. The newly painted benches and bar have helped brighten an intrinsically dark committee room. The new non-adhered floor covering in both rooms is light and bright, with the added benefit of a textured surface. No more slipping and sliding on wet areas in front of the bar or kitchen sink! We are again grateful to the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund for a grant of nearly £3000, which has covered the cost of this worthwhile upgrade.

Our next plan is to replace the three remaining single glaze windows at the back of the hall with double glazed units, which will help to conserve heat. At the same time we aim to replace the damaged external kitchen door and incorporate a locking mechanism more suitable for a fire exit. We will seek a grant from a different source for this work.

We are grateful for the voluntary efforts of those village residents who have helped maintain the grounds by gritting the steps and ramp in winter, and hedge and grass cutting through the year.

Finally, my thanks to the loyal, supportive village hall management committee who help make all this possible.

**Mike Rowland, Chairman, West Wratting Village Hall Management Committee**