**Chairman’s Report at the**

**West Wratting Village Hall Management Committee AGM 2021**

Village hall use has again been substantially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with several periods of closure. Fortunately, during the spring, government Local Restriction Support Grants totalling £12907 were obtained to compensate for the resultant loss of income.

The first management committee meeting of the year, in April, was conducted via Zoom, and the four subsequent meetings have been face-to-face.

We were keen to encourage resumption of live classes when Step 4 government guidelines permitted us to re-open the hall in July. We therefore maintained our COVID security measures for the rest of the calendar year and continued to allow free use of the hall for those regular exercise classes which contribute to the health and well-being of our local communities.

Subsequently, we saw the return of Tai Chi and FitSteps, with some Fitness sessions. In the autumn our widely appreciated Saturday Café was reinstated.

We have continued to be active on the maintenance side. One internal wall of the toilet block has been repainted, as have the folding doors separating the committee room from the main hall.

Routine servicing of the fire alarm system and of the boiler has also been completed. We have had two oil fills.

The 5 year NICEIC inspection revealed a number of issues inside and outside the building, resulting in an overall UNSATISFACTORY Electrical Installation Condition Report. We have authorised a comprehensive set of remedial measures scheduled to be carried out this week, commencing 13 December.

The roof, too, has needed attention. A number of loose tiles have been replaced and the heavy coating of moss removed.

The tall conifers behind and overhanging the hall have been substantially reduced in height and the hugely overgrown laurel cut back to a stump. Grass cutting has been well maintained and we are again grateful to our neighbour for assistance with the hedge cutting.

I thank the committee for their continuing support and decision making during the past year. Maggie Attewell and Mick Lock have again kept bookings and financial accounting on an even keel. Diana Edwards has produced excellent minutes of our meetings and ensured that all our technical servicing and inspections were carried out in a timely manner. Again, I thank you all for your inputs.

**Mike Rowland,**

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