Chair's Report September 2026

2026 has been another busy year at the hall. We have hosted lots of successful events such as a bingo night, a quiz, an Easter Egg Hunt and cafe with art activities and an Indian meal, to name only a few. Attendance was sometimes varied but every event was enjoyed by all of those who came. Their succeess is due to the hard work of everyone on the committee. For the publicity for these events, I must thank Ruth for her work with social media and creating posters and Kirstie for printing, laminating and displaying these. I've also to thank everyone on the committee for their help in distributing the newsletters too, as well as Andrew and Ruth for the editing, graphics and printing. I'd also like to mention in my thanks those who aren't here including Gordy from the book shop for the quiz, Margot for her wreath making, Philip for his keyboard playing at the carol singing, Paul for setting up and tidying away, as well as Susan McCaig for the meals, supported by Kirstie.

The Monday cafe remains popular and I would like to thank all who attend, wash up and clear tables but especially Susan, Kathleen and Wilma for their turns in the kitchen and their baking.

The pub nights are still a regular feature and Ruth and Andrew continue to do a brilliant job, stocking the bar, serving , setting up and clearing up. No mean feat with a new baby!

Soup and a sweet ran throughout the winter with the support of Susan and Kathleen. We hope to repeat this in the New Year, and to relaunch and recruit more players for Indoor Kurling. Many thanks to Bob for his past work running this. Let's hope we can find someone to take over.

The hall bookings have picked up in the past year with 3 pilates classes and a yoga class every week, and 3 different types of sound baths at the weekends. The art classes have proved very popular too and for those I must thank Christine Connelly. Hopefully these will continue next year too.

I would also like to thank our lovely cleaner, Wendy who has done a fantastic job keeping the hall clean over the past year or so. She has now moved on to more hours at the post office and Wild Hare. We now have a new cleaner, Lisa, from Still Haugh.

And finally, back to the committee. None of the daily running of the hall could be done without the behind the scenes efforts of Jim looking after the hall and the bookings, Jenny who has been such a support with the solar panels applications and Ian who has the difficult task of dealing with all the cash, bills, insurance and chasing up booking payments.

Everyone here has contributed so much to all the events and running of the hall. I am so appreciative and grateful for all your help and support.