# ALDENHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2024

#### Welcome and introductions

Trustees: Tina Darcy, Danielle Alexander, David Lambert, Greg Rogers

Committee members: Danielle Alexander, Andrea Cassell, Tina Darcy, Peter Henderson, David Lambert, Lorraine Oliver, Michael Pickford, Greg Rogers (Chairman), Louise Simmonds. Cheryl Trott

Apologies: Tina Darcy, Peter Henderson, David Lambert, Michael Pickford, Louise Simmonds, Cheryl Trott

## **Approval of AGM minutes 22 November 2023**

Minutes were approved

#### Chairman's Report

Over the past two years, in my reports to the Letchmore Heath Community, I was happy to report the unprecedented and substantial work on the hall that had taken place during the previous year - including roof repair, guttering system, new fire exit doors, a new kitchen, new bathroom facilities, a new heating system, electrical wiring, completed external landscaping to create our Memorial Garden, raised money for the replacement of windows and damp course repair

I am happy to report that that work continues. The damp course has been repaired, bathroom facilities refurbished, lighting improved and that our long awaited planning permission for window replacement has been approved and that that work will begin in February 2025. Many thanks to Aldenham Parish and Hertsmere Councils for their support and to Danielle Alexander for supervising this vital work.

This coming year, we will be concentrating on fund raising initiatives for external wall repair, stage refurbishment, internal cosmetic repairs and decoration and more roof repair (a never ending battle with 100 year old tiles)

Regular and diverse use of the Hall is vital to us as it meets the challenge laid down by the original Trustees in 1922 to provide a space for 'lectures, concerts, dramatic performances and other public or private entertainments and for meetings, classes and other assemblies...to improve or benefit the spiritual, moral, intellectual and social conditions of the Parish and their friends and visitors without distinction of religion, creed, political opinions, special rank, sex or age'.

We continue to host many events throughout the year including weekly community lectures, a special needs group, Aikido, birthday parties, dog training, and Committee hosted events including the barn dance, painting party, quiz night, a pop up café for McMillan and Christmas Carols on the Green. This year, the Committee also managed the Letchmore Heath Remembrance Sunday event in conjunction with

Aldenham School and various participant parties. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £1500 for The British Royal Legion.

Many thanks again to the volunteers on this Committee who make all of this work happen and all of this fun possible. It is important work and provides many threads to the fabric that is village life.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Danielle Alexander

Financial year 2023/2024

Income £24,405.62

Expenses £24,276.13

Balance 31/3/24 £22,018.18 (including £7,000 reserve)

## **Grant applications**

We are continuing to work with Get Grants who identify appropriate grant sources for us and advises on our application process.

#### **Election of Trustees and Committee members**

Trustees and Committee members must be elected by attendees of our AGM. As I have requested but have not received any applications to be considered, I propose to nominate and confirm sitting Trustees and Committee members by a show of hands.

Current Trustees and Committee members were re-elected for another year.

## Any other business

#### Minutes of this AGM

Minutes of this Aldenham War Memorial Hall AGM will be posted the Letchmore Heath website.