

## Sandison Hall AGM

### Chairman's Report 2023

My report for this year will be brief and to the point. Prior to Lockdown the hall was used weekly on a regular basis, sadly this is no longer the case and despite various attempts to generate interest in the hall we have so far been unable to find new groups willing to commit. Indeed the only regular users are the country dance group.

The crazy gang held a well attended games night in the summer, followed by the annual Hogmanay party and an excellent Burns Supper. This however means that income is well down on previous years, and if it wasn't for some of our members giving generous donations as well as paying their annual dues, we would be far worse off than we are.

The Book corner set up last year has been very poorly received with few people using it on a regular basis. If there is no marked improvement it has been proposed that we discontinue this service.

The hall needs your support to survive, if you don't use it, in the long run you could lose it. It would be highly unlikely that groups would look favorably on providing funds for a new hall when we can't even get bookings for the existing one.

Start up funds are available for anyone wishing to resurrect the drama group or initiate a new village club. No matter what, the hall is here for the use of everyone, so please, please if you can – make full use of it.

Finally I would like to thank Johnston, Trish and Russell my fellow trustees for their assistance. Johnston for his good housekeeping and tackling the electricity company to get the best possible deal. And Trish, for keeping the costs down and taking over, **short term**, the hall cleaning duties.

Thank You

**Jim Brierley – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023**