

Wingham Village Hall Committee Report for Annual Parish Assembly 2025

The Village Hall has had another successful year with many events held. The hall continues to be well used. Our annual Christmas Market and Indoor Boot Fair were successes, it's lovely to see our events supported by many local people.

Although the financial climate remains a concern for all, the continued support to our finances from Wingham Parish Council has been vital and their grant has helped us continue to reduce the hire fees to Wingham residents.

We have recently introduced a keyless entry system for our non-regular hirers. This has made life easier for the committee as we can now give access remotely.

We still need an auditor to audit our yearly accounts. If you can be of any help or know someone who may be able to help us, please do get in touch.

The management committee are continuing to work closely with Wingham Primary School to help ease the parking issues in the village hall car park. Improvement has been noticed, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the school, the parents and all users of the car park for their continued cooperation. Although progress has been made some issues remain and we will continue to work alongside all parties to resolve them.

We have a new bookings clerk who will be taking over the role from Mel Smith in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Lizzie Streeting for stepping forward. Please keep an eye on the Wingham Community News for our latest news.

Our next event will be our VE Day 80th Anniversary indoor street party. The hall will be open from 2pm – 6pm on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May. An afternoon of music, dancing and games are planned. There will be memorabilia from the war to look at inside and outside of the hall with Military Vehicles present. An original World War 2 siren will also be sounded at 2pm! 1940s costume is welcome. I know for a fact a few people have obtained Land Army costumes for the day already. Children are encouraged to dress up as evacuees and any children who do come in costume will receive their very own sweet ration. Can they make their ration last 1 week? Bring your own food and drink to share with others whilst celebrating this special anniversary. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Melanie Smith
Chairperson of Wingham Village Hall