

## Wingham Village Hall Committee Report for Annual Parish Assembly 2026

The past year has been a busy and successful one for Wingham Village Hall with a wide range of events that brought the community together and made full use of the hall.

In May 2025 we held our indoor street party celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day. Residents shared food and wore 1940s attire at this lively community event. We also had military vehicles outside the hall along with wartime memorabilia, photos, dancing, and games inside making it a day to remember.

During the August bank holiday in 2025, we collaborated with the WI to offer a complimentary afternoon tea for the village. The event was popular and thoroughly enjoyed by attendees.

Kevin took the stage as Elvis for our live music night in November 2025, drawing a full crowd to the hall. The following day we held our largest Christmas market to date, with the hall full of stall holders selling festive goods.

We began 2026 with our annual indoor boot fair which once again filled the hall with stall holders and visitors. This proved to be extremely popular!

Looking ahead, we have exciting events planned for the rest of the year.

We will be hosting another afternoon tea on Bank Holiday Monday the 25th of May. Please bring a plate of food to share and join us for a friendly and warm afternoon amongst friends. The hall will be open from 2pm – 4pm.

Although our bingo beans and bangers event was postponed in January, it has now been rescheduled for a later date! The new date for this event is Saturday 26th September so please look out for details nearer the time.

Following last year's successful event, Elvis is likely to return on the 25th of October 2026. Please follow our Facebook page for more information.

We will round off the year with our Christmas market on the 21st of November 2026. Many stallholders have already signed up, showing strong demand for the event.

Events simply would not be possible without the continued support of the village hall volunteers and the wider community. Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes and attended our events and meetings over the past year. Together we can continue to ensure Wingham Village Hall remains a vibrant and well used space for our community.

Bookings are looking strong and we are hopeful of adding to our regular hirers with a choir group.

Non-regular bookings are also positive with two wedding receptions booked for August, the vegetable Society set to return in September and consistent bookings for birthday parties.

The village hall would like to thank the parish council for their continued support and the grant we have received. This grant allows us to offer a discounted hire cost to Wingham residents.

Melanie Smith  
Chairperson of Wingham Village Hall