

## **VILLAGE HALL SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

The Village Hall continues to be well used with a number of regular hirers, plus some one-off events.

Current projects include the replacement of the remaining single glazed windows which we hope will make use of the village hall more comfortable during the winter months and also lead to smaller utility bills. Thank you to the Lt Bealings Parish Council who funded our planning application which has recently been granted by the Local Planning Authority. We hope to fund this project through a grant, we are currently in the last 3 for a Tesco's grant, so when you visit the store please ask the cashier for the "Bags of Help" token and vote for us. Success would mean a grant of £4000 which help us replace the old Crittall windows in the Main Hall, Committee and Snooker rooms and the Toilets.

We are also looking into the cost of resurfacing the car park as the surface has deteriorated this winter.

The Hallmaster booking website has worked well there is a link via the Little Bealings Parish website, with a dedicated email for making booking enquiries. We have recently been advised that the "ibooka" system for booking the Sports Court will close from the 31<sup>st</sup> March, so following a lot of work by Jenny Shaw and Keith Beaumont it will now be possible from the 1<sup>st</sup> April for Subscribers to book the court using this system.

Last year bookings for using the Sports Court were down on the previous year, so we hope that this will improve this year with the new booking system.

A defibrillator has been installed at the Village Hall which was funded by Great Bealings Parish Council with a grant from Colin Hedgely's Enabling Communities Budget.

The Trustees of the Village Hall greatly appreciate the donations given each year by the two Parish Councils towards the upkeep of the hall and playing field.

Margaret Wilson – Secretary Bealings Village Hall Trust  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2018