

Michaelston-y-Fedw
Village Hall Committee
Chairman's Report July 2007

First of all I would like to thank all the committee members for their efforts over the past year. Without them the Hall would not be viable, it is often an onerous task for which I know, you sometimes think "Is it worth it"? Thank you

The last year has been a year with both positive and negative points. Let's start with the negative first: we went through several months during the winter period where very little activity took place in the hall.

We had to cancel the Bonfire night fireworks and BBQ because of lack of helpers. This was because of the overlap of the half term with Nov 5th.

I apologised to Mr and Mrs Richards of Ty Hir Farm on behalf of the committee for any inconvenience this caused them. Mr Richards has already told me that the invitation to hold the event stands and as this year half term ends before bonfire night the event will take place as usual.

Moving to the positive side the events we held proved to be successful. Our programme started with the Big Night Out in September. In October the quiz proved as popular as ever, I don't know why.

March's wine tasting was not as well attended as it could have been but this of course left far more for the few who did attend. A note of caution if Chris Poynton offers you a glass of his own brew it is advised to decline. Not a good year!

April saw us forming lines and trying valiantly to keep up with the caller for the Celidh with the band Cats Claw.

In June, thanks to the kind invitation of Dr Andrew Freedman we held our black tie event, the Cava and Canapés evening at Holly House. Our thanks must also go to Chris Poynton for organising the wind ensemble

and to Sue Dale for stepping in at the last moment to make up the numbers.

Finally on a very windy and wet Sunday in July 50 people boarded a coach with some trepidation for the mystery bus trip. We arrived at Caswell Bay to what appeared to be a roaring gale. Not to be defeated tents were pitched, bottles opened and surprise, surprise it didn't rain; the sun did come out and everyone enjoyed themselves. On return to the Hall we had a BBQ.

Money has been spent on a new drinks fridge and also on a dish washer. This needs to be plumbed in properly and plans are in hand for that. As a matter of interest the slow cycle is three minutes, the fast two, makes you wonder what the domestic dishwasher is doing as mine takes about 2½ hours.

Both toilets have been redecorated and the tiling extended in the gents. Future plans include re-flooring the toilets and the kitchen; to make an application for funds to purchase new tables and chairs.

Once again thank you for your help.