

MEETING OF THE YETTINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

held at

YETTINGTON HALL

on

Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.30pm

Those invited to attend:

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| Sue Barnard | Tracy Payne |
| Melanie Lester | Steven Pearcey |
| Emma McBarnet | Julie Smith |
| Tom McBarnet | John Smith |
| Laura Oseland | Paula Williams |

1. **APOLOGIES:** Tom McBarnet, John Smith
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** These were agreed as correct.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a Following on from discussions we have had in the past regarding the replacement of the Church Hut/donkey shed with some sort of pre fabricated building. Melanie mentioned she might have a contact who could help with some "heavy lifting" if required in the future. It was agreed this might be very helpful.

4. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

a. Christmas Fundraiser review.

Committee members have received many positive comments about the fundraiser from members of the community and the Carol singing was mentioned as a particular highlight. There were lots of lovely cakes made by volunteers and a craft table kept children busy. The Committee would like to thank all those who came to the event for making it a success and for helping us raise a total of £935.11p during the afternoon.

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| Raffle raised | £780.00 |
| Card sales raised | £14.00 |
| Donations raised | £141.11 |

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| TOTAL | £935.11 |
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We discussed improvements we could make to the organisation of the event and noted firstly that recording a telephone number on the raffle stubs would be a useful addition to a name and address, and secondly investigate alternative payment methods for raffle tickets instead of purely cash.

Thank you letters will be sent to all those who donated prizes expressing our gratitude for their help.

Action TP

b. Wreath craft workshop review

There have been very positive reviews from those who took part in these events, they were much enjoyed and the Hall looked very beautiful. £190.00 was raised for the Hall.

c. *Hall rental packages for workshops*

A hall rental package to try to encourage craft workshops at the hall was discussed. In this package members of the Committee would invite crafters, prepare the space for them, and promote the event in return for a 25% share of income.

Action PW, SB, TP

d. *Richie Ros proposal*

A proposal was put forward to host an event by the singer Richie Ros in the late summer/early autumn. It was decided to shelve this idea for the moment as on discussion a few difficulties arose if there were 50 guests: firstly a potential car parking issue, secondly sanitation issues would need considering and thirdly a booking system on our website would make something like this easier.

e. *Electrical work required*

An electrical socket in the Hall needs repairing, the outside sensor light comes on in daytime which is not necessary, PAT testing is due as is the regular fixed wire test. The hot water heater is now working. Emma will contact an electrician to undertake these tasks.

Action EMcB

f. *Hall redecoration*

The Hall interior will need redecoration this Spring. The Committee decided to keep the same colour scheme but refresh the paint and paint the new reinforcing beams to blend into the building. Scaffolding will be needed to reach the ceiling safely. Laura and Steve thought they might be able to source the scaffolding for free and Steve will also look into sourcing paint at best cost. A date will be decided over the coming weeks but it will be after the Community meeting in late spring/ early summer.

Action LO, SP

g. *Fundraising plans for 2026*

Ideas put forward: Spring flower workshop, Summer raffle and BBQ, Art exhibition, Talk about Village Hall history, Christmas Fayre.

h. *Yettington Hall Community Meeting*

This would be an opportunity for an exchange of ideas, for the Community to let us know what they would like to see happening at the Hall and for the Committee to update the Community on Committee plans. A date will be decided upon shortly.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Emma reported that the insurance cost for the Hall had risen markedly following a re-valuation. It had risen to £760.40p per annum.

Emma will be attending an East Devon Village Hall Cluster meeting on 20th January.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm