

This year the Rayne Village Hall Committee continue to manage the Village's jewel in the crown. We have fortunately recruited two new members, Caz White and Shona Kemp who have willingly helped with tasks and ideas. I'm not sure if it's the lure of cake and biscuits at every meeting that did it for them!

One of the Committee's achievements, as you all have probably seen in the local newspapers and Rayne in Focus, is the installation of solar panels with thanks to Tony our grant guru. This is reducing our carbon footprint and at the same time our ever increasing electricity costs.

As I speak we have managed to obtain a grant for the replacement of three boilers, which are currently over 15 years old and inefficient. Again all a plus for the Village Hall.

Our Chairman Rob has been instrumental in installing an on line booking system for the hall hire. This can be found on the Village Hall website – I would urge you to take a look – This will enable not only on line booking but future automatic deposits and payment. This is early days but with a few tweaks here and there, we expect it to be a lot easier for Christy who, up until now has been the point of contact for booking the hall.

The committee continue to get stuck in and a testament to that is the recent unblocking of the drains, which entailed Russell manually and physical unblocking them. That's what's called really getting stuck in!!

So if anyone would like to join our very hands on Committee either with practical skills or ideas, please feel free to come along our next meeting on 10 May – or even just to see how we work. I promise you we won't ask you to unblock the drains!!