



# Mountfield

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall committee are pleased to report a successful 2025/26 year, making a surplus of £1,704. This continues a gradual improvement in results since the difficult post covid years, and helps to rebuild our reserves needed for future maintenance costs.

This year our hall bookings income has increased by 11%, to the second best year on record. We think that a lot of this is due to the much warmer ambience of the hall after installation of infra-red heating and better insulation in October 2024, which users seem to have recognised. We have also benefitted by a good level of donations, while expenses have been held down to similar levels to the previous year.

We held the very successful VE80 event in May 2025, which resulted in a profit of more than £1,000 from gate receipts, raffle and refreshments, including ploughmans lunches. Thanks are due to Trish Jones for a fabulous display of Mountfield at War, Robertsbridge Aviation Society, Barbed Wire and Bunting display group, vintage vehicles and all of those who helped in the organisation of the event.

The committee continued to organise the annual village bonfire and fireworks event on 31<sup>st</sup> October, which unfortunately saw a 50% reduction in attendance put down to the clash with Halloween, and a small loss was made even after a valuable donation from Mountfield Parish Council.

The annual Children's Christmas Party for local children was organised in December, with the addition of a lovely Santa's Grotto built by Nick Randle, that was very popular with the children.

The monthly Second Friday drop-in has been held throughout the year, with tea, coffee, cake and a chat, and continues to be well received by a regular 20 or more village residents. And we have been putting on regular monthly Friday evening talks on various interesting topics.

During the summer of 2025 volunteer work started on general hall maintenance that was recognised as being required, particularly stripping down and repainting the soffits and fascia boards that were starting to deteriorate badly, and some internal redecoration. This work will continue in 2026 to keep improving the structure of the hall. Our small hall committee are working hard to ensure that the hall is kept in a good condition as it approaches its centenary in 2028.

New committee members or just volunteer helpers are always welcome, so if you can spare a bit of time please contact me on 07802 703708 or at [mountfieldvh@gmail.com](mailto:mountfieldvh@gmail.com).

*Neil Whines, Chairman*

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