

## *Annual Report - April 2011*

It is now almost four years since the restoration of the Tremayne Hall and its reopening by Lady Mary Holborow on 6 October 2007. Since then a dedicated team of volunteers has worked hard to create the successful community centre that it is today. After a shaky start we got some regular classes going and as word went around, the hall began to be used for parties, receptions, concerts and events of all kinds. Our aim has always been to offer 'something for everyone' and we endeavour to fulfil this ideal. Our philosophy is to provide activities that benefit mind, body and social life. Please look at the website [www.tremaynehall.org](http://www.tremaynehall.org) for details.

The Lunch Club has been a great hit with the over 60s and every Tuesday one of eight teams serves soup and dessert to about 40 people. The social aspect is important, especially as many elderly people are living alone.

The archive centre, which is an integral part of the Tremayne Hall community project, was crucial to acquiring the HLF grant in 2005 and it is open on Thursday afternoons when visitors are welcome. A written agreement has been signed recently by both parties clearly defining the shared use of the building and its contents.

There are art classes, a book group, a video club, computer drop-in sessions and various workshops. A team of volunteers run a regular season of excellent new films with high quality sound and vision. Sadly, Bingo is discontinued at the present time but we hope to be able to revive it in the future. David Jenkin and his daughters have run it successfully for almost two years and we are grateful to them for their valuable contribution.

Yoga caters for a regular group on Mondays. Thursday is the day for Keep Fit and Pilates classes. Dancing is a popular activity and this has much to do with TV programmes! The lovely floor of the hall is a great attraction for all types of dancing and seems to be able to take an enormous amount of pounding.

This brings me to the crucial subject of maintaining the high standard for which we have become recognised in our area. It will be extremely important in the future that this lovely building should continue to be looked after with great care and attention to detail. Listed buildings require constant careful maintenance and high standards of workmanship are essential. Therefore we shall need a regular income to cope with increasing costs and it is important that the hall continues to be well-used.

We have plans for new activities and are always pleased to hear your ideas and welcome offers of help. As the current financial situation bites, thankfully we can still afford to enjoy the company of others with similar interests and to make the most of our community centre at the heart of Mylor.

I have enjoyed my six years on the committee, first as fund-raiser and then as chairman. It has been exciting and creative although frustrating at times! Planning applications for a notice board and a sign have taken up many hours. We still have the unsightly garage in the

corner and the clock tower's appearance is in stark contrast to the rest of the site. Perhaps it would be an idea in the future for the Tremayne Hall to take over the care of it from the Parish Council?

It was a pity, in my view, that we did not proceed with the plan to buy the hall from the Tremayne family, ownership would have made a big difference to the village. I hope that in the future the Tremaynes will continue to support this thriving community centre.

At some stage too I hope that a new chairman with vision, courage and determination will find a way to push ahead with phase three and to build the last part of the designed project, thereby giving that extra space for storage and a much needed office.

Good luck everyone and thank you for your support and hard work!

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Chairman