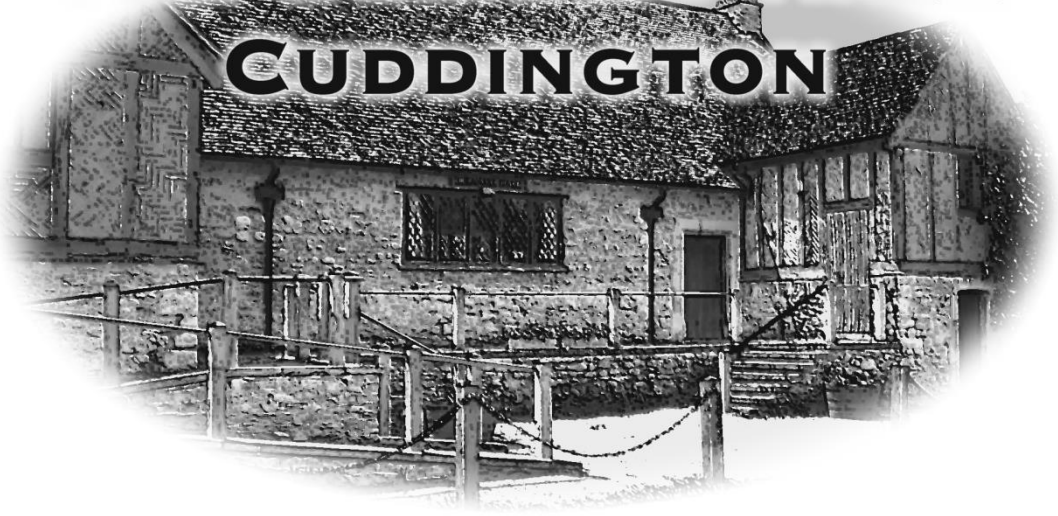


THE BERNARD HALL CUDDINGTON



**Annual Report and Accounts for the Bernard Hall
(Charity No 239245)**

Year Ending 31st December 2024

Introduction

The Bernard Hall is the village hall for the Buckinghamshire village of Cuddington. This document is the Hall's annual report and accounts for the year ending on 31st December 2024.

Report from the Chairman

Bernard Hall usage continued to grow in 2024 compared with 2023 and has now finally overtaken pre-Covid levels. Activities taking place in the Hall included:

- the weekly Village Picture House ("VPH") films and National Theatre performances throughout the year with the exception of the summer holidays. The Sunshine Club uses the Hall for their periodic film performances.
- Cuddington Youth Drama ("CYD") use the Hall every Saturday during the School terms and put on performances at least once a year.
- Exercise classes including Yoga every Monday at 6.00pm and Pilates every Friday at 7.00am and a general exercise class on Tuesday evenings.
- The Church use the Hall for Sunday school and sometimes a youth activity session on Sunday evenings.
- The Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the Hall.
- Private parties

Hiring revenues in 2024 at £6,250 represented an increase of 54% compared with 2023 (£4,067). However, Picture House revenues in 2024 at £11,013 were down by 16% versus 2023 (£13,067). This can be attributed to the strikes in the U.S. which means fewer really good films have been released plus a reduction in National Theatre screenings in 2024. We also received a Grant of £1,000 from the Cuddington Fete.

Costs were up by 14% in 2024 at £17,007 (2023 £14,974). The main reasons for the cost increase were:

- Utility costs which increased to £3,875 compared to £3,497 in 2023.
- Maintenance and renovations at £1,806 compared to £852 in 2023. This increase was due to the purchase and installation of a TV screen funded by the aforementioned Cuddington Fete Grant.
- Insurance, Licences, VPH expenditure and Miscellaneous costs all increased compared with 2023.

Overall, the Hall had a surplus of £1,603 in 2024 compared with a surplus of £2,160 in 2023. As a result, the Hall continues to be in a healthy financial state with net assets of £33,524 at the end of 2024 compared with £31,921 in 2023.

Village Picture House. The end of the very disruptive Writers Strike in the US is seeing an upturn in the number of films in production. However a significant number of these films are now funded by Netflix, Amazon and Apple and going directly to TV Streaming instead of cinemas. This may have a detrimental effect on what can be shown at the Hall in the future. The reinstatement of the "Kids Clubs" films at the end of each school term has been a big success. Moana 2 was shown at the end of the Spring Term.

As always, we are very grateful for the fantastic support from our VPH front of house volunteers, Helen Keeping, Gareth Anderson, Andy Lockett, and Cathy Morris-Jones. We are also very pleased that Carol Hayward has recently joined the Team. Our special thanks also to Jay and Sugi who sell our tickets in the shop and provide refreshments in the Hall every week, and not forgetting our promotions and technical wizard Chris Long, and John Cooper who manages the schedule and licenses the films. They all transform the Hall into your Village Picture House.

Finally, I would like to thank the Management Committee who have once again done a great job of running the Hall during the last year. Chris Lockett, Brian Woodford, Caroline Winnicott, Jessica Ecott, Charlotte Cooper, and Zoe Gibson have all made full contributions and I am very grateful for their support. They make my job as Chair very easy!

Rob Morris-Jones

4th June 2025

Hall Governance

The trustees and management committee of the Hall are concerned with the day to day management of the Hall, including lettings, maintenance, health and safety, cleaning and funding.

The management and trustees can be contacted via Rob Morris-Jones, the Hall's Chairman at The Homestead, Upper Church Street, Cuddington, HP18 0AP, Bucks or via email at robmojo65@hotmail.com

The Management Committee

The day to day management of the Hall is carried out by the Bernard Hall Management Committee. The committee meets periodically throughout the year and keeps formal minutes of its meetings. The following committee members served in the year ending 31st December 2024 or have been appointed or resigned since.

Name	Role	Served
Rob Morris-Jones	Chair	Full Year
Caroline Winnicott	Treasurer	Full Year
Charlotte Cooper	Secretary	Full Year
Zoe Gibson	Bookings	Full year
Brian Woodford	Buildings and Maintenance Officer	Full year
Christine Lockett	Committee member	Full year
Jessica Ecott	Committee member	Full Year

The Trustees

The Chairman of the Committee reports to the Bernard Hall Trustees. The Trustees meet formally once a year and more frequently if required. The Trustees have oversight of the Management Committee and give approval for alterations to the building itself and for any major fundraising required.

The Trustees are appointed according to the rules set out in the Hall's Charter. As at the end of May 2025 the Trustees are as follows:

Name	Role	Served
Robert Spencer Bernard	Chairman of Trustees	Full Year
Rob Morris-Jones	Chairman Management Committee	Full Year
John Kaye Cooper	Trustee	Full Year

Rev Cassa Messervy	Trustee	Full Year
James Stonham	Trustee	Full year
Ken Brown	Trustee	Appointed July 2024
Lorraine Stevens	Trustee	Full Year
Nicola Wilde	Trustee	Appointed January 2024
Paul Irwin	Trustee	Full Year
William Lewis	Trustee	Full Year

The Hall holds a formal AGM once a year where its report and accounts are accepted. The meeting is open to members of the public. The 2024 accounts are to be approved at the AGM on 4th June 2025.

BERNARD HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	12 months ending 31-Dec-24	12 months ending 31-Dec-23	12 months ending 31 Dec 22	12 months ending 31 Dec 21	12 months ending 31 Dec 20
Income					
Hire fees	6,250	4,067	3,951	1,614	1,465
Cuddington fete grant	1,000	0		17,765	11,334
VPH income	11,013	13,067	12,279	4,042	2,871
Interest income	348				
Total income	18,610	17,134	16,230	23,421	15,670
Expenditure					
Utilities	3,875	3,497	4,585	2,500	2,315
Insurance	1,146	981	913	971	962
Licences	350	229	229	229	228
Maintenance and renovations	1,806	852	758	2,897	3,162
Miscellaneous costs	914	676	245	157	513
VPH expenditure	8,917	8,739	10,398	2,642	3,331
Total expenditure	17,007	14,974	17,128	9,396	10,511
Operating surplus / (deficit) for the year	1,603	2,160	(898)	14,025	5,159

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	As at 31 Dec 2024 £	As at 31 Dec 2023 £	As at 31 Dec 2022 £	31 December 2021 : £	31 December 2020 £
Bank accounts	35,204	32,165	27,516	29,661	16,147
Cash	92	86	598	1,088	61
Total bank and cash	35,295	32,251	28,114	30,749	16,208
Debtors	224	695	2,393	654	460
VPH advance sales	(265)	(419)	(496)	(286)	
Creditors	(1,730)	(606)	(249)	(457)	(32)
Net Assets	33,524	31,921	29,762	30,660	16,636
Accumulated fund at beginning of year	31,921	29,762	30,660	16,637	11,477
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	1,603	2,159	(898)	14,023	5,159
Total Funds	33,524	31,921	29,762	30,660	16,636