

Pulham St Mary Parish Council – Annual Report May 2019

The Pennoyer Centre

Throughout the year, PC Members have been updated on Pennoyers activity on a quarterly basis by the Chair of Trustees.

As well as the usual programme of annual events and regular monthly activities, some new events have been introduced, including music evenings, supper club, and others which might appeal to a wider audience. The Pennoyer Centre has been very busy throughout the year; fundraising has increased, bookings for private functions and weddings has grown and there is more footfall in the café. However, costs have also increased significantly in all areas.

The on-going economic and political uncertainty is affecting everyone and has also had an impact on Pennoyers. The number of businesses using the centre, particularly those from the public sector which like Pennoyers as a venue, has decreased largely because they have no budget for non-essential activity.

The Pennoyer Centre is a vital community hub and an important community asset; the grant awarded by the PSM Parish Council is in many ways recognition of this. There are also part-time employment and volunteering opportunities at the Centre. We all need to ensure that it can continue to offer a rich, programme of activities to attract a diverse range of local people as well as visitors to the area.

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