

Beckford Community Village Hall

The hall committee held its regular monthly meeting on Monday October 26.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the death of Phil Smith on the Saturday two days before. Phil was a much-loved member of the village, representing the Gardening Club and the Social Club on the BCVH committee, as well as undertaking many tasks involved with running and maintaining the hall. A committee member thought he should have the title 'Mr Beckford' because of his unequalled knowledge of the village, its history and affairs. He would be greatly missed, and the Secretary was asked to write to the Smith family with our condolences.

On to routine matters: to ease access to the hall a Keysafe has been obtained and will shortly be installed. It has been suggested that to have a cyclo-cross course on the hall fields would be attractive to young people, and we plan to investigate the feasibility and cost of this, beginning by studying the course at Bishops Cleeve. On hall refurbishment, we are in discussion with the Bredon Hill medical practice, both on future needs and on the consequences of the practice's recent withdrawal from regular surgeries at the hall. The *As It Was* evening had made a useful profit and for further fund-raising we plan a repeat of the highly successful *Quiz 'n' Chips* evening held last summer.

The next meeting would be on Monday November 23.

Graham Galer
Secretary BCVH Ltd.