BARN DANCE ORGANISING GROUP
"WASH UP' MEETING 12TH JUNE

Present were: Sue, David, Carolyn, Sophie, Jenni and Neil. Apologies from Ron and Christine.

The Barn Dance had been a huge success, the Barn transformed, excellent band and plenty of dancing. However we all had some concerns over the number attending.

We all agreed that a future Barn Dance the tickets should be limited to 100 plus children. We need to give careful thought as to how to market and control tickets. Children and adult tickets should be separate colours. One option is to charge a higher price on the door, Ron expressed his concern over a number of issues – the roof leaking onto the walls, electrics, lack of emergency lighting unsuitable escapes etc. We need to be mindful of the Parish Councils responsibilities for Health and Safety.

The raffle raised £290.00 to be donated to the school PTFA – huge thanks to Sue for her organising and marketing skills!

Christine reported that the bar was far busier than expected. She suggested we need more fruit ciders, less lagers, less red wine double the white wine – 2/3 Sauv. Blanc and 1/3 Pinot Grigio – more fruit juice – the alcohol free lagers were very popular. Feedback was that we were maybe undercharging on the alcoholic drinks – however we made a profit! Carolyn felt that bar should be further in the corner as it was difficult to get past to dance.

Portaloos only 2 needed – not a great facility in the rain and the dark.

Tremendous support from the community with every aspect putting lights up, fetching and returning tables and chairs, manning car park, bar, door setting up tables, flowers, clearing away donating raffle prizes etc. etc. We must also mention Sophie for her drive and enthusiasm, encouraging the parents to join us and of course the contents of the boot of her car – everything you need for a successful event even a fridge on the day. Many thanks as well to Paul Johnson for his help and enthusiasm.

Sue stated that in the past the village had a Barn Dance every other year alternating with Open Gardens – this may be an option for the future.
The full accounts are lodged with the PC. We felt it would be appropriate for the Parish Council write to Hugh to thank him for the use of the barn and offer the Parish Councils support for future initiatives to improve this wonderful building.
Jenni Livingstone