

Trustees Report 2013.14

After all the traumatic times recently experienced it was decided to hold the AGM now, at the end of the financial year and hopefully appoint a new committee to take the HFA forward.

As acting Chair I must thank all those people who have come forward to help and volunteer their services as trustees since our emergency meeting in the Autumn.

Significant progress has been made –

- A finance committee has done a sterling job creating a summary and spreadsheet with a financial forecast – with limited funds and income streams it is special thanks to Steve and Geoff for their endeavours
- A maintenance committee – they have identified priority repairs, done fire safety checks and boiler care and a small amount of remedial work has been completed. However, the budget is tight and some more major work will have to wait until funding is secured.
- A fund raising committee – they have planned a number of events to boost funds. A major part of this will be at the scarecrow festival.

The bar (sports and social) is under review as it requires personnel to run it. We did achieve a small profit on bonfire night, we have a party booked who have asked for a bar and then the Scarecrow festival- much needed funds will hopefully be achieved from the profits.

Parklife have ordered their next piece of equipment and plan to have a noticeboard in the play area. The bulb planting has born fruit with a great display of Spring daffodils around the play areas boundary. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to dig and plant.

The football and tennis clubs have their bases at the field and their support and rental income are vital to help keep the field in shape for all to enjoy. So thanks to those who have given their time and support thus far and please continue to help and volunteer.

After clambering over a few hurdles and challenges the Tennis club were able to give the green light to their builders for their new club house. We wish them well in their new home.

Two new clubs have recently been started and these are providing income to the HFA. We now have a table tennis club and an afternoon games club- for table tennis, dominoes, scrabble and chess to name a few. Thanks to Ann Sleath for developing both of these. Ann must also be thanked for clearing and tidying around the bar and also around the perimeter of the building.

We are pleased that the Bridge club continue to thrive and use our facilities.

Thanks especially to 100 club for their continued support.

The Future

Now that we have stabilised the position the future of the HFA is hopefully good.

There are some committed people willing to give their time to make improvements. I hope that ALL of those who are elected onto the new committee as well as reps from village organisations will be willing to make valuable contributions to make the pavilion and field thrive for the foreseeable future – even if it is only putting the bins out on Wednesday evening or helping to fundraise in some way –we need ACTION people.

Together Everyone Achieves More So here's to a great TEAM.

Thank You

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