

Chairman's Report - Alf Field

The running of the hall and grounds has continued at a steady pace throughout the year. We are continuing to make progress improving the hall facilities on an annual basis. However, we are a small but dedicated committee, who work as a team to achieve this aim. We would welcome new committee members tonight at this AGM so that we can continue running/maintaining these facilities.

I would like to thank Chris Hood for his efforts in maintaining the hall bookings and being our liaison with all hirers. He has managed to do this whilst completing his new home. Over the year bookings have improved with a slight increase again this year in the number overall bookings. The on-line calendar is very popular as you can see at a glance how these facilities are being used.

Our Treasurer Don Baker has been as busy as ever ensuring we keep costs under control. He has overseen the general maintenance of the building ensuring contractors carry out their tasks efficiently and cost effectively. Minor maintenance tasks are carried out with the minimum of fuss and delay. I would also like to thank both Don and Barbara for carrying out the intermediate cleaning of the hall, when required.

The fete in 2015 was again successful and with the better weather we managed to raise £4,736. At the time of this report, the 2016 fete raised £4,546 despite the extremely poor weather prior to the day. It is encouraging to see yet another good local turnout. I would personally like to thank all the fete committee along with the 'army of helpers', their families and friends who have made our fete so successful during recent years. The money raised will help us reach our new goal of upgrading the kitchen facilities. This is yet another magnificent team/community event and I would like to thank you all for your continued help and support.

On the social front the Bellingdon Belles have organised a successful race night, whist drive and games night. This year has also seen the introduction of the 'pub night' which is proving very popular and is well supported.

The Ladies club meet on Wednesday afternoon for their weekly social. Like all of our local clubs, they will be pleased to receive and welcome new members. If you would like to find out more, then please contact Irene Roberts.

The Short Mat Bowls Club continues to draw interest and has grown from strength to strength. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact Brian Latham.

The Archery Club have just completed another successful year with us at Bellingdon. They continued to flourish and if you are interested in learning more, pop down on a Saturday morning and have a chat with Nick Ellender or just have a go. I am sure you will be made welcome.

Football income has remained steady with two Saturday ladies teams and two male Sunday teams regularly using the field. This income helps us maintain the sports field. However income is down this year due to the exceptionally wet winter which created a water logged ground with localised flooding resulting in games being cancelled.

I would like to record our thanks to two committee members (Andrew Barratt & Lynne Priest) who had to stand down earlier this. Thank you for your valuable contributions

Finally I would like to take this opportunity also to thank all the committee members who throughout the year have donated their time and energy, to work with me, in order to maintain and run these facilities. We are a small team but without all of their support and team work none of this would have been possible.

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Chairman