

Village Hall Chairman's Report

Annual General Meeting

16th April 2015

In my report last year I said "We have had a busy year.." well tonight thank goodness I think I can say we had a relatively quiet 12 months. I also made reference to the passing of Derek Hill & sadly, this year we remember our very good friend, past chairman and benefactor Robert Marzetti.

Thanks to the generosity of Derek Holt & John Bater we received a donation from the Auto Jumble which enabled us to purchase a Hot Cupboard, this required an upgrade of the electrics in the kitchen and as the existing distribution board was at full capacity that too had to be replaced. With the electrics out of the way we were then able to complete the job by tiling the two end walls of the kitchen; we have also replaced the cisterns in the Ladies & Gents toilets and in terms of "Call outs for Running Water" I think Tony Murphy & I are both very thankful.

Keep fit goes from strength to strength (pardon the pun), the Coffee morning continues to contribute, the Cubs/ Scouts who were only using the hall once a week for some part of 2014 are now back to two nights a week, the John Ward Band in October proved popular and raised £242 after costs but the Fete and the Panto are still our biggest sources of income & we were again able to have a Christmas tree thanks to the generosity of John & Anne Bater. We showed a profit on the year of £1081.43

This year the Fete will take place at the Chequers on Saturday June the 13th. All the recent main players in fete organisation have either left the village or are unavailable, So Annette Hulme has taken on the role of organiser and plans are well under way for all the usual events from "Splat the Rat to Cow Pat" but this year with the added attraction of a Dog Show. We hope to see you all there and taking part - at the Fete that is not in the Dog Show

This year's Panto Robin Hood ended on a sad note with the untimely death of its Producer & main stay Robert Marzetti. Nevertheless it was another very successful production and a good time was had by all - and by the audience as well I believe.

I went to the wrap up meeting, delayed because of Robert's death and coming right on top of the death of Maurice Scott- however Kathy Churchill was there and a good turnout came to see themselves on video.

It gave me the opportunity to say thank you to the cast and crew for all their time and effort and that I hoped they were going to repeat the mix next year.

During the year, Derrick & Vickie Neilsen emigrated to northern parts, Jane O'Leary stepped down from the Treasurer's role after 30 years but stays on the committee, Sue Brookes & Annette Hulme have joined us, Sue as Treasurer and Annette taking on the organisation of the Fete.

Graham Mooney

10 April 2015