

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

We have had another busy year but I will stick to my format of People Problems and Finance

It started off badly with the departure of our sole employee! Caroline Shilton who having taken over from Tony Murphy proved herself to be an enthusiastic and very involved Caretaker, she moved away and we were unable to find anyone willing to take on the role; eventually Pat Peck agreed to do the cleaning, John Brooke devised a web/email based booking system which works well and as for the rest well we all keep an eye on things but it is not ideal.

There have been a number of changes to the committee, Annette Hulme, Caroline Shilton, Dick Knight & John Dick all stepped down for various reasons; we will miss their input but we welcome Diane Smith, Joan Cook, Zoe Reeve-Jones & Chris Finbow who have all joined us with Chris taking on the role of Scouts representative

The new kitchen and floor went ahead in June without too many problems. The outside of flat roof frontage area comprising Toilets, Kitchen and Foyer has been repainted and renovated and we received £900 of grant funding from our County Councillor Robin Vickery enabling us to have the very lovely pine floor treated and resurfaced, after 9 years of wear & tear.

There were the usual problems with electrics and sewage but we won't go into that!

Following the agreement of Mark Hill, the new concrete & slab frontage was installed mainly due to the efforts of Tim Chase and we hope this will mean a less muddy entrance for future events.

And the village Christmas tree once again made its appearance although it again had quite a lot of competition on the lighting front!

The Hall income derives mainly from hirings, our share of the Fete the Broadside Boys evening & the Panto, beyond saying that I thought that Beauty & The Beast was the best so far, I will leave the details for Sue in her report - but in summary

In 2015 we had an income of £7600 we spent £6345 and showed a profit of £1260 For the current year 2016 and mainly due to grants our income was £10520 we spent £11826 showing a loss of £1305 Our reserves have therefore gone down by £1305.

Thank you to Sue for managing all the financial side so efficiently, thank you to our Secretary and all committee members for your various contributions throughout the year and once again our thanks to Persephone for kindly auditing the accounts

For the Future – well it would be nice if the turnover in committee members were to slow down a bit, there are no plans for any major projects but I said last year but it would be nice to have a quiet year and rebuild our reserves.

Graham Mooney

Chairman