

# BAWDSEY VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016-7

It's not until I look back on the previous year's minutes that I realise how much we have achieved this year.

### INSURANCE

I am very pleased that we do not have to negotiate a new contract for another 4 years. Our current one has given us a healthy reduction of £500 approx. to just over £1000 for a year. I hope we do not have to claim anything because the list of conditions is vast.

### VILLAGE HALL

The PAT testing & the 5 year electrical testing for the village hall and pavilion have been completed, thanks to Brenda & Jo for organising them. Although it has been passed there are a number of issues which will need attending to.

We have organised the building of a stairway in the storage cupboard up to a large loft room at a cost of £1700. This will mean that we will not have to use the potentially unsafe loft ladder to get up to it in future, which will make it more accessible. We may move all the emergency equipment up there so that it is out of the way of the normal running of the hall. I am in the process of applying for a grant from the Tesco Bag 'Bags Help Scheme' to help pay for it.

The Emergency lights are now ready for use thanks to Matt for organising them; hopefully this completes having the village hall as 'Emergency Rest Centre'. With the gas fire & catering cooker we are probably far ahead any other village in the neighbourhood.

At a cost of £2200 we have had new larger fire crash doors fitted the village hall as the old wood ones were going rotten and had become very difficult to use.

The Radar group very kindly gave us 30 very serviceable chairs which h have replaced our old yellow ones which apparently we have had over 40 years (they are stored in the pavilion), and 14 tables which will be very useful for the fete. We have also bought 24 more comfortable chairs for the sometimes long meetings at the village hall.

We have had a new couple who have moved into the village take over the vacant piece of the allotment area at the back of the hall.

### RECREATION GROUND

We had to spend a lot of time and effort over the Recreation Ground this year. The play equipment is showing some considerable signs of wear as it are now about 16 years old. We have accepted a quote to paint the kids climbing equipment as it is showing signs of rust at a cost of £1200. We have had to have the legs of the zip wire recemented in as it was lifting out of the ground when people were using it. We had a quote of £2700 but settled on one for £990 which has been paid for out of the Suffolk Coastal Councils 'Play Space scheme'. Chris Mann very kindly cut the recreation Ground hedge. We had 3 work days mainly done by committee members, dealing with issues on the Recreation ground. Two were for cleaning the

play equipment, which had a new problem of green moss growing on it, the last was for fixing strengthening spars on the fence around the play equipment and cutting the hedge around the tennis courts which Chris could not get into. The rest of the fence strengthening will be finished by the community pay back team who back with their free work.

### **Multisports & Tennis area.**

Jane Osmanski gave up running the tennis & multisports area last year. The savings of she has put aside from it to pay for future work on the courts will be reinvested in something to give us a better dividend return. The pathway between the courts and the play area has become dangerous. It has become very slippery and the supporting wall is collapsing. We have had quotes to fix both problems and will make a decision which one to go with. We have been advertising the tennis courts to bring in new members as we have lost the money from the manor who were hiring the courts. We have also put court booking and tennis club membership on line. A big thanks to all those involved, Caroline for collecting membership fees, Dianne Rouse for taking over booking enquiries, Rob Johnson for setting up the computer programme and Marilyn (the Multisport trustee representative) for organising the advertising. We have new signs now around the play area and multisports.

### **FETE**

Another successful fete raising about £4500 which has helped us pays for all the work which has to be done.

### **Pavilion**

A big thanks to Andy Rouse for fixing a new door into a room which was not directly connected to the pavilion, as it happens just in time as we have an exciting proposition for further use of the pavilion, details to follow later.

### **COMMITTEE**

A big thanks to all the committee who all have worked hard this year, Caroline for looking after the money so well and for doing the hall bookings, Jo for stepping into the breach through Fliss and Matt leaving the committee in doing the secretary job and for helping in a big way with the fete preparations. Doreen for organising the jumble sale, and Brenda the fireworks.

Lastly it is with great sadness to announce the death of 'GRAN WITH A VAN' (Lady Sue Duncan-Mclean) who died on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. She will be greatly missed by us, not only helping us during the fete; she cleared away everything which was left for her flood relief charity.

Rawdon Saunders Chairman