

Chairman's report Monday March 18th 2013, Great Easton Village Hall

This has been my first year as Chairman of the V.H. Committee and firstly I would like to thank you all for being such a great team, hard workers but good fun. Especially I would like to thank David without whom I could not have managed. I was worried that during this year the roof would blow off, well, a few tops were blown but the roof stayed firmly put.

It was a year of losses and gains.

411 club stopped with a loss of regular income and a place in the village for working mums to leave their children after school. The Sure Start centre finished but it had never really started however they left with rent arrears probably a sign of the economic times. All our other regular users have continued.

Messy Play had a short trial but did not continue in the V.H., Zumba class is no longer dancing.

We drew up a new Terms and Conditions for large events, following a hire of the V.H. for a wedding. We now require a returnable deposit, an extra fee for erection of a marquee and written and signed agreement of time of start and finish of the event.

The early part of the year saw Alice, Sally, Marie, Susy and twins, Margaret and Marjorie busy making bunting for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The village event was run by a Jubilee Committee, and so we held back from organising our own events until the Autumn.

However, we were lucky because the celebrations made a profit which was donated to V.H. funds.

We in turn made a contribution to Brighthurst School by supporting the Race night and buying a Golden Brick.

Our own fund raising efforts took place later in the year, a Table Top Sale, always popular Quiz and chips, Make Five, a talk on Leonardo Da Vinci followed by an Italian Buffet and finally a Jumble Sale. 100 club began a new year in October. We agreed to run the bar for a Village Party at Christmas but we will not do it again.

We received generous donations from Cath Lupton's Line Dancing and Margaret Stamp's calendar sales. Thank you.

As you are about to hear in the Treasure's Report, we are in a good position to make significant repairs to the V.H. this year.

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