

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

Good evening and welcome to everyone , I would like to introduce Vicki Halliday, who is going to be joining the Committee. Welcome Alan, only member of the public.

Firstly I'd like to say how much I've enjoyed being on the VHC, I think it's been 9 ½ years .

Since joining I've met lots of people and made new friends. A big thank you to all of you who have worked so tirelessly in fund raising.

A special thank you to David , who although supposed to be Vice-chair , has actually been a job- share Chair with me. In these days where we have to be so P.C. I am still going to say I did the 'Pink jobs ' and he did the 'Blue jobs' .

During our time we have been involved with replacing heating , lighting, plumbing, windows , roof ,chairs and carpets. The rise and fall of Sure Start and the securing of the Committee room for the Parish Office. We hope to have left both finances and fabric of the V.H. in a good state.

Of course there is always more to do. Garry has started to re-paint the Main Hall. Patrick Fisher replaced the Fire Door glass and an area on stage that Gill Christie had pointed out was dangerous .It appears that the tongue and groove had broken and he patched it from underneath.

Patrick pointed out that the bar on the Fire door was too short and he could remedy this by dropping the bar so that it fixes into the ground and putting an L bracket at the top.

I would like to ask the New Committee if we could delay change of signatories on the cheque book until these workmen have been paid.

Accidents are covered by public liability in our insurance but we are not covered if a potential risk has been pointed out to one of the Committee and then not acted upon.

To this end I've arranged for a friend to come with his son and horsebox on Tuesday to take away the staging, which is an accident waiting to happen. I will need to give a small donation for petrol.

100 Club, I am happy to keep going with the 100 Club until September when I can help whoever takes it on set it up for 2014 / 2015. Getting collectors and money in is the tricky bit, then it runs easily month to month.

Now it gets a bit like the Oscars

Thank you to Shirley for keeping the books, providing the float buying the booze, always efficient and great to share a G&T with.

Thank you Sally who has been on the Committee for the same length of time as me. She has always brought creativity and zany humour to all events she is involved with.

Thank you to Elizabeth and Good Luck. She is moving house and getting married in October. Always keen to help with bar-b-ques , buying through the shop and selling tickets – which she will continue to do.

I didn't realise until now that Haylea was standing down , she was an answer to a prayer when she took over as Minute Secretary from me and has been fantastic quiz master with Tim.

Thank you all of you remaining on the Committee you can rely on my continued help and support.

But it's not just inside the Hall, Cath , Margaret and Ivor keep the garden looking lovely and Cath donates all the proceedings from line dancing to Village Hall Funds and makes the hanging baskets for the front of the hall during summer.

Finally and happily I the keeper of the booze. We the retiring members of the Committee would like to invite you to Brookside House to drink some of it , bring a plate of food to share , have a knees up and take what remains of the beer and wine for your next event.