

village was transformed back to the 1940s. It was a huge success and the village was crammed with visitors many of whom had dressed for the period, some had arrived a day early and enjoyed a 1940s dance evening in the Village Centre. The Blossoms committee will have a difficult task emulating the success this year.

All these activities helped in our quest to keep our Village Centre up to an acceptable condition. We have added outside lighting to the Village Centre sign, carpeted the entrance hall and generally kept the myriad of repairs necessary under control. The biggest improvement (with the help of grants from ECDC, Haddenham Charities and the Parish Council) was resurfacing our playground with a new interlocking rubber safety product that covered the existing broken and uneven tarmac. This has enhanced the look of the Village Centre and hopefully greatly reduced the risk of future accidents from falls in the playground.

We are still managing to keep profitable with our existing regular hirers income covering our day-to-day expenditure. This has been achieved without the need to increase hire fees.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way towards supporting our events and our maintenance of the Village Centre.

B. Haddenham Library

Our book stats for the year have been received up to the end of February and they are not quite up to last year's standard but we hope this will pick up from the Reading Challenge to be held in the summer holidays. Perhaps the Kindle or similar hand held equipment has something to do with this. We have had 35 new members over the year to date and ordered around the same amount of material from other Libraries (which includes DVDs, CDs, student books and plays) for our borrowers. We continue to pick up books from the Huntingdon store and are still accepting good quality donations either to replace old copies or for re-sale during fundraising.

A new operating system will come into service in June. Two staff will train then cascade to the rest of the staff. We are not sure if the Library will have to close when the system is being rolled out initially.

Rosemary and Barrie from the Local History Group continue to catalogue new archive material from the growing amount of new photos and information received. Barrie has made up several Memory Boards over the year, showing a changing montage from the archives and also new material, in line with main Libraries. At the moment the "Markwell" family tree is being displayed. LHG will be showing material from the 40s and 50s in the Library for Blossoms & Bygones.

C. Haddenham & Aldreth Parish Plan

The Haddenham and Aldreth Parish Plan was published in Spring 2008 having been adopted by Haddenham Parish Council at its meeting of 16th January that year. A list of 52 actions was identified from the work.

Nearly all of the identified actions have either been achieved or investigated and abandoned for good reasons. These have been achieved through the efforts of the different groups of villagers who had banded together to get particular jobs done with the help of the Parish Council. The more difficult tasks are taking longer to achieve, or they have been found to be impossible due to infrastructure and other constraints. The political environment has also changed since the Plan was done and one or two actions have been reviewed in that light. The table shows the bald statistics.

Haddenham Parish Plan Annual Review of 52 Actions 18/04/12						
	Action done or progressing well		Some preparatory work done		No real progress or SLOW	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Quick wins	4	4*	1	1	1	1
Traffic & Travel	7	7*	0		1	1

