

Aldreth Community Association

Annual Report 2013/14

Activities for the year included our annual quiz, carol concert, Waterbeach brass band concert and of course Blossoms.

As part of the Blossoms weekend we held a race night on the Saturday, which turned out to be our best single fundraiser to date.

The highlight of the year for the committee was the resurrection of the Aldreth picnic, which we held on the recreation ground in August and was attended by nearly 100 residents on a fine but blustery afternoon. It was a really enjoyable event, which we hope to build on and grow in 2014.

We continue to manage our finances through our regular and ad-hoc hirers and have managed to maintain our hiring rates in difficult economic circumstances.

We still strive to keep the Village Centre in a welcoming and well-maintained condition and with help from the Parish Council and a grant from Haddenham Charities we replaced our old sheds with a new purpose built building that gives us more space to store equipment.

It was good to see the School Lane project come to fruition with help from P J Lee and Sons who cleared the scrub, that volunteers had cut down and then levelled the area prior to seeding. It is a nice clear grass verge down to the recreation field now instead of the untidy bramble strewn area that it was.

We are currently looking at trying to start a badminton club at the Centre and working on several new events for the coming year.

My thanks to all the Committee for their hard work this year and also to all the other volunteers that have contributed to the work of the community Association.

Mike Wells
Chair

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An interesting year, where we said goodbye to our Chairman of 40 or so years David Fairchild and yours truly stepped cautiously into the hot seat, flanked by a splendid team of helpers.

We have made plans for a complete renovation of the toilets during 2014 and have applied for a grant to help pay for this project. (We hope to find out if we have been successful in our application in a few weeks).

Our new fundraising team swung into action with a very successful village Garage Sale in August 2013, which we hope will be repeated in 2014.

The team has also held a successful table sale, quiz night, carol singing, 60s disco and of course our panto. We give our thanks to them for all their handiwork.

Unfortunately we have had to announce the cancellation of Blossoms & Bygones for 2014, due to the lack of volunteers to organise it, but we hope to hold this popular event in 2015. We are currently asking for volunteers to join the organising team.

Admin wise, we are currently revising the constitution, looking to simplify the hiring system and tightening up on some areas of the conditions for hiring the hall.

Our thanks to our staff, Margaret and James, for cleaning and caretaking and indeed to Margaret's husband who has done some painting for us.

Ann Biggs

