

The Library was fortunate to be given another donation from Haddenham Steam Rally and this will be used for books.

Rosemary and Barrie from the Local History Group continue to catalogue new archive material from the growing amount of new photos and information received. They have held a slide show about Haddenham pubs and cricket, also informing of the laws and when they came in over the years. Barrie has made up several Memory Boards this year. At the moment the board features lots of doors, windows and inscribed bricks. LHG will be showing material from the Victorian era in the Library for Blossoms & Bygones.

Last May the Library opened for Blossoms and will do the same this year, displaying archive material and the scrapbooks, with the help of the Local History Group. They are still looking for material from the Victorian era for display. Either Barrie or Moira can be contacted regarding lending appropriate material or mementoes for this. There will also be a book sale.

In conjunction with the Haddenham Local History Group, another picture show is planned in June at the Arkenstall Centre. More details will be in the VOICE and on posters in the village and Library.

The children's reading group FroGs has finished for the year and will hopefully start up again in September. The HARP reading group continues with several members each month reviewing new and older novels.

Fifteen children completed last year's Reading Challenge. Many of the children were much younger again, ranging from 3 – 9 years old and they did really well. They finished with a party in mid September with medals and certificates being presented to the children, followed by activities and refreshments. Parents are always very appreciative of the work volunteers put into this challenge.

On behalf of the Friends and Volunteers Moira would like to thank the Parish Council for all their support.

8. QUESTION TIME

The Council was questioned about the Groundsman costs for the past year and the fact that they were higher than in previous years despite the Council's decision to award the contract to a lower bidder. Cllr Lyon agreed that the costs had been higher and this was largely due to weather conditions requiring the grass to be cut more frequently and also other areas needing additional work to bring them up to the expected standard. He advised that the costs are carefully monitored and it is expected that Years 2 & 3 of the contract will be lower.

A query was raised regarding the apparent high rise in the Council Tax bills shown against the Parish Council but residents were assured that the increase in the Council's Precept for 2013/14 had been kept down to an increase of 2.6%.

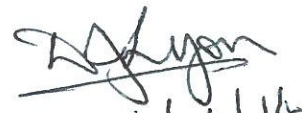
9. CO-OPTION OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES FOR POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded that Mrs Ann Biggs and Mr Mike Smith should be co-opted to serve on the committee for a further year. Motion carried unanimously.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no further items for discussion.

The meeting was closed at 9.03pm followed by refreshments.


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