

APPENDIX 1

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

Thank you for your attendance and your support throughout the year.

It was the year we celebrated the Kings Coronation back in May, a fabulous day on the village green which was well attended and felt full of harmony and laughter.

This was the year we also lost our great friend, George Tomlin. Not only was he an important part of the Committee but also to the wider community, who he served over many years. As a sign of our appreciation for the many years of service to our village maybe we should be considering some type of Remembrance plaque, a fitting tribute, possibly affixed to the Remembrance Tree.

The renovation project started over 4 years ago, and a lot of people have been involved along the way to make it what it is today, a village hall to be proud of, it just needs to be used! There will still be more works that will be required to further enhance the Reading Room no doubt, as with most old buildings the list of works seems to be a constant!

The pop-up bakery run by Claire and David every Tuesday here in the hall. Freshly baked and delicious pies, cakes and bread every Tuesday; they have quickly become an integral and valuable part of village life.

Again, on a Tuesday, we continued with the warm room initiative (Cosy Corner), a place to come and sit by a cosy fire, enjoy a hot drink, soup and more importantly to have a chat and a laugh. Thanks, in particular go to Hilly for running this for us all.

We have an Art Group that meets every Wednesday morning, again, organised and run by Hilly.

The terrible war continues in the Ukraine, and we still hold money for the appeal. You will recall our resident family, the Radchenko family left us for a while to return to their country, they have now returned, so a special thank you must go to Cliff, for kindly opening his home to the family again.

The Summer Gala and Duck Race was another great day out. The weather was on side for a change and through everybody's efforts on the day we managed to raise £400 for our very own Yorkshire Air Ambulance, a voluntary organisation who rely heavily on donations like ours. The main concern was that it wasn't particularly well supported by volunteers. If it wasn't for the Estates help, I don't know how our small committee would have managed, and personal thanks go to the Thompson family who rallied round and helped us take down the Marquee.

The "Honeybees" WhatsApp group, now with 22 members. Continues to be used in the main to support the village, share ideas, give ideas for improvement, and to find solutions etc.

And of course, we had our ever-present annual events including at Easter, Halloween, and at Christmas (when Santa went around the village with gifts for the children).

The "Human Dynamo" better known to us all as Hilly kept us all in Sunday afternoon teas, and the delivery of our events programme with her usual commitment, enthusiasm and hard work.

A small core of regular supporters throughout the year have volunteered their time etc to support the committee to make the events a success, from keeping the grass mown, the planters full of flowers, erecting the Marquee on the green, the afternoon teas; I'm sure you know who you are and

Chairmans Report. AGM 2024. Appendix 1 I want to go on record as saying that your help and support has been much appreciated. I would also particularly like to thank Mike Phillipson for his continued support to the village in the running of our CB website.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the committee for their support throughout the year, in particular Hilly, who just makes things happen-as if by magic sometimes, she's undoubtedly been a huge asset to both the committee and the village. Also to Niesha for her unswerving support both as a committee member and as Treasurer. Thanks also to Imogen for her help and support.

I'd also like to thank on behalf of the Reading Room Committee, our Patron, Charles Wyvill –and personally, as chair, I would like to thank you for your listening ear and your valuable counsel. Your continued support and that of D'Arcy and his Wyvill Estate team, has all been very much appreciated.

During the last twelve months we've seen many ups and downs and many changes. We live in a fastchanging world, from politics on the one hand to the ravages of war on the other. Each day has a new headline. Last year I said I would like to see more Harmony in the village in the coming year, but it sadly hasn't always exactly worked out that way unfortunately.

The New Committee must try where possible to positively impact on the village and its residents, as we have tried to do.

The Changing face of the Village.

New Arrivals.

Welcome to the following people:

Tess and John. @ Lodge Barn

The Returning Radchenko Family, Galyna, Alex, Max Kseniia and Dimitrii -Our Ukrainian Family

Sad Losses.

As already mentioned, we lost George Tomlin. Committee member, ex-Chairman , mentor and friend, I think I can speak on behalf of the committee when I say he is sadly missed, he's left a huge void.

Derek Knights, Jeans husband. A lovely gentleman who myself and Niesha were fortunate to meet and befriend. Derek had also served on the Reading Room Committee in the past.

Judi Loadman continues to visit and support the Reading Room. She has asked that I read out this letter at the AGM. See attached to minutes.

Barry Snarr

Chairman

17th April 2024