



**BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORTS**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Councillor Rowland Hibbard, Chairman of Broadwindsor Group Parish Council*

Good evening and welcome to the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting, I am pleased to see so many of you this evening also welcome to all the exhibitors and to both of our guests Julia Hammon, Stepping into Nature Project Officer from Dorset ANOB Partnership and Laura Cornett, External Funding and Grants Manager from Dorset Council.

The last year has been another exceptionally busy time for all the Councillors and Committee Members who work exceptionally hard for the Parish. This last year has seen the continuation of projects started some time ago, the MUGA the Community Land Trust and the Neighbourhood Plan which will all be reported on later this evening.

During the year dog fouling has been a regular item on agendas and the Parish Council has installed Dog waste bins in Broadwindsor and Drimpton in an effort to eradicate this particularly disgusting matter, so please if you spot anyone out with their dog and you notice that they haven't cleared the mess if possible get their name and let the Parish Council know, the diseases which can be caught from dog poo are not pleasant!

The rolling programme of fingerpost refurbishment continues and what a difference it has made in the Parish, all thanks to Robert Hedditch for his continued hard work. We have again lobbied for the 40 bus to continue, also lobbying for continued repairs to our roads, this is an uphill battle but we do keep banging on the doors of the Highway Authorities to pull their finger out and sort our roads!

We have provided finance for the replanting of the hedge along the Allotment boundary and through S106 monies have provided roadside nets for the Cricket Club, improved access to Hursey Common, supported the car parking extension at Drimpton Village Hall and funded a bird scarer for the allotments. The Parish Council and has also purchased our own Speedwatch kit, I am not sure if the times and dates of Speedwatch will be published in the Broadwindsor News but you have been warned!

We are embracing the changes to data protection as per the new GDPR act, an important thing we have to do. Councillor and Clerk training and development remains a priority for the Council, valuable investment in skills and knowledge to allow the Council to be best placed to serve the community.

The MUGA project as you will probably have seen is nearing completion, this has involved many hours in securing loan and grant applications, but it has been worth the effort as we have now secured funding from, Awards for All, the former WDDC through the Leisure and Development Fund and S106, the FMR Trust, Public Works Loan Board, Leader Programme and from Dorset Council. Funds have also been raised from private and business donations. As you can see this has been a huge task and I must sincerely congratulate all the Members of that Committee without whom this project would have "died in the water".

We continue to improve community engagement through better access to information and ways for people to participate in parish life - regular newsletter updates, up to date content on our website and Facebook page. The Parish Council is now more visible and accessible which hopefully will encourage more people to attend meetings.

Our Village Halls are a vital part of the community and the financial support provide by the Council I know goes a long way to keep them running and in the last year, grants have enabled all our Halls to have Broadband Internet installed, another way of bringing the parish into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The list of facilities which are available in our Parish are too numerous to mention, but some of the most important are the twice weekly Post Office at Comrades Hall, our wonderful Community Stores and our School which goes from strength to strength under the guidance of the new Headmaster and Governors, the Cricket Club who are involved with the School in giving lessons.

Our Footpath Liaison Officer Councillor Dorothy Rowe continues to keep the paths open to all who enjoy walking in our wonderful part of West Dorset, she is also proactive in brightening up Broadwindsor with a wildflower planting scheme along with her volunteers, we are still actively supporting the CLT group and also the Neighbourhood Plan committee who will be reporting later.

This April has seen the introduction of the promised Unitary Authority, we are watching and waiting to see if this new Authority will enable Parish Councils to be able to be more proactive in getting things done on a more independent basis rather than having to go through various channels to get things done - watch this space.

In summing up this evening I would like to congratulate and thank all those who take an active part in running the facilities and activities which are far too numerous to mention individually, but without these individuals and committees our part of wonderful West Dorset would be a far poorer area to live. But before I finish I would personally like to thank our extremely hardworking Clerk, Helen who is a mainstay of the Council, always ready to help and to fill in forms and keep us on our toes and make sure that we stay within the rules and my personal thanks for her knowledge which makes my job as Chairman, much smoother.

## **COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT**

*Report submitted by PCSO Alex Bishop*

On Saturday 23 March, a small amount of money for newspapers that had been left on a patio for collection, was stolen. A male was seen in the area, close to the time the offence happened, but wasn't seen to take the money. Whilst this is not something that usually happens, once an offender knows that people put out money for delivery drivers to collect like this, it is often seen as an easy target. I would advise that if anyone pays for delivery of papers, milk, etc, that a more secure method of payment is arranged. I would also advise

similar for people with honesty boxes for selling eggs, etc. Rather than leave items and money unattended, perhaps find a way to take orders and have them collected securely.

On 25 April, we had a report of a suspicious vehicle in the Pilsdon area. The van was a white Mercedes Sprinter, that was seen in the car park at Pilsdon Pen. When the caller pulled in to take the registration, the van was driven away. This was also seen around a similar time when carcasses were found on Pilsdon Hill. There is no known link, or reason for why the carcasses were there, but this may be a sign of poaching. Please be vigilant and continue to report anything suspicious to Dorset Police.

On 29 April we had a report that a laser had been shone into an aircraft, from the Drimpton area. This is obviously quite serious as it can endanger the passengers of the aircraft. There have been recent reports of local Council campaign signs being stolen, or removed from where they have been put up and discarded elsewhere.

If anyone has any information about any of these crimes or incidents, please call 101, or report online at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk). As a reminder, I have a monthly surgery at the Broadwindsor Post Office/coffee morning at the Comrades hall. This is on the second Tuesday of each month at 11.00 am. Also, if anyone has any free time to volunteer and fancies an exciting and challenging opportunity, why not consider a role as a Special Constable. For further information, please see the Dorset Police website, as above. Whilst they are not recruiting at this time, they are taking expressions of interest for the next recruitment drive.

### **BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

*Councillor Rowland Hibbard, Chairman Neighbourhood Plan Committee*

The Neighbourhood Plan which was started in May 2015 is at last at the stage where it has been sent for independent examination, the Committee has now answered the various questions and concerns raised by the Examiner and the Plan has passed the examination and is now ready for the Public Referendum.

Due to the timings of committee meetings at the new Dorset Council, it is unlikely that the Referendum will take place before September, but we will keep all informed of those timescales in the Broadwindsor News and the Parish Council website.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all who took part in answering our various questionnaires and for visiting our public meetings to view the progress on the Plan, thanks also to all our Committee and especially to our Consultant Jo Witherden, without their hard work and continued commitment this would have been a much longer and complicated process.

## **BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

*Councillor David Leader, Chairman Broadwindsor Community Land Trust (CLT)*

Councillor Leader stated that considerable time had been spent on the design and subsequent needs of residents when developing the scheme. Councillor Leader reported that a long time had been spent in achieving a tri-party agreement and that the CLT were nearly ready to submit a planning application. Councillor Leader stated that at all stages of the process, local people had been consulted. Councillor Leader stated that the Community Land Trust can determine who lives in the houses and stated that it was proposed that a maximum of fifteen houses would be built for rental and would be a mix of one to three beds, built to a high standard. Councillor Leader thanked the CLT Committee for their hard work. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Leader for his report.

## **BROADWINDSOR SCHOOL**

*Councillor David Chumbley, Vice Chair of Governors*

Broadwindsor School is thriving with 102 pupils; the school usually runs with 95 children. There are more boys than girls with 57 boys and 45 girls. Attendance for the year is very good at 97.3% this is up on last year.

During last year lots has happened, we appointed a new Head teacher, Mr Phil Smith started from September, he has made many changes and improvements to the school including lots of decluttering and improving the learning environment. We also had a change of staff, Ms Petra Morgan, the new Early Years reception teacher started in January, she has also taken on the SENCO role.

New fence and gates have been installed giving a new look to the front of the school. The outside play area for younger children has had a makeover and safety surface has been put down. This will ensure children can enjoy playing outside and take full advantage of the all-weather canopy in that area, promoting outdoor classroom day on 23 May. Safety surface has also been installed under the swings and slide by the fort.

Year 6 pupils have been on a residential to Cornwall enjoying many outdoor activities, the weather was stunning and they all had a wonderful time. Year 4 pupils have been on a residential to Hooke Court enjoying lots of environmental activities. Pupils have been enjoying dressing up and taking part in a banquet and Easter hats parade. Also, a joint project between reception and year 1 of Jack and the Beanstalk, both classrooms now have huge beanstalks growing in them, fortunately only made of rope and paper.

A large group of singers travelled to Birmingham in January to be part of the Annual Young Voices concert. The school continues to take part in a wide range of sporting and music activities to widen the curriculum. Finally, I need to mention that the school children have been watching the progress of the MUGA with enthusiasm and anticipation, they are looking forward to being able to play sports on it very soon.

## **CHARITIES REPORT**

### **The FMR Trust**

*Helen Cudmore, Clerk to the Council*

The FMR Trust was established in 1962 to support charitable activities for the benefit of the local community in Broadwindsor, Drimpton and Blackdown. Specifically, it provides grants for active recreational projects. For the period 2018/2019 the Trust supported four projects with grants totalling £2210.00. These were as follows:

1. £400.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> Broadwindsor Guides, supporting the costs of the girls attending a camp.
2. A grant of £60.00 for Drimpton & Netherhay Youth Club to support travel costs for excursions.
3. £750.00 for Broadwindsor School to help towards paying for the repair of existing play equipment.
4. A grant of £1000.00 for Broadwindsor Buzzards Shot Mat Bowls Club, to help them with the purchase of new mats.

The FMR Trust is also supporting the Multi-Use Games Area project in Broadwindsor, providing a quarterly grant to help with the repayment of a loan which is part of a wider funding package.

The Trust has invested in an Equities Investment Fund and has shares with a current value of £73,380.27 (as of 31 December 2018). The Trust receives a quarterly dividend which does fluctuate somewhere between £600.00 and £1000.00. The balance as of 31 March 2019, the year end was £6711.18. The Parish Council is the sole trustee of the Trust and Trustees convene each quarter to consider applications. The Trust very much encourages the comm

### **THE BLACKDOWN EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

*Report submitted by Angela Frampton, Treasurer presented by the Clerk*

In October 2018 the Trustees met to consider four applications from young people, living in the church parishes of Blackdown, Thorncombe and Broadwindsor. Each applicant was awarded £200.00 to help with further education expenses. This left a total of £14.85p in the Nationwide savings account, this amount will be added to any interest earned on the capital investment.

### **THE SICK POOR FUND**

*Mr. John Hansford, The Sick Poor Fund*

Mr. Hansford reported that The Sick Poor Fund was established to offer financial assistance to the residents of Mosterton, Broadwindsor, Drimpton and Stoke Abbott. Mr. Hansford stated that the Fund was still active and although no personal applications had been received in the past year, the Fund had been able to donate to other organisations. Councillor Hibbard thanked Mr. Hansford for his report.

## **VILLAGE HALLS REPORT**

### **BLACKDOWN VILLAGE HALL**

*Councillor Rowland Hibbard, Chairman Blackdown Village Hall*

Blackdown Village Hall as with all the valued Halls in the parish is a bit like the Forth Road Bridge in that as soon as you finish one round of improvement there is another lurking around the corner to keep all involved with the repair and upkeep on their toes!

I mentioned last year that our rather dilapidated storage shed needed replacing, I can now report that this has been achieved and with the benefit of a power socket and lighting is a much more user-friendly environment. We have also had the exterior completely decorated and the wood has had three coats of preserver. The hirings have been steady but we are losing one of our regular groups the Monthly Dancers which has been run by Mike and Anne Passmore, for many years but as with many groups it is difficult to get new and younger members to take over, the Whist Drives run by David and Eileen Saunders on a twice monthly basis continue but these also suffer from not getting new members to come along, the weekly Dog Obedience Classes which have been running for many years are one of the few groups who seem to keep attracting new recruits.

Our committee and helpers work tirelessly to help keep the Hall clean and tidy and the funding we receive from the Parish Council is a valuable source of income as we try to keep charges as low as possible, but our ongoing costs water, electric, insurance and maintenance keep slowly rising so we may have to increase our fees despite the injection of funds from the Parish Council.

So, a big thank you not only to the Parish Council but also to all our hirers and our committee and extended family who are involved with keeping our Hall a vibrant and essential part of our community.

### **COMRADES HALL**

*Report submitted by Andrew Hookings, Chairman Comrades Hall Committee, presented by Councillor David Chumbley, Secretary*

I will start the proceedings by introducing the Hall secretary, Dave Chumbley, who is also representing Broadwindsor Group Parish Council, on the committee and Brian Stone, our Treasurer, who represents the Horticultural Society. I would take this opportunity to place on record my thanks to all the committee members for their contribution to the management of the village hall over the last twelve months.

Special thanks to Brian for ensuring we have maintained a sound financial position and Dave Chumbley, our Secretary, who took on the role this year, bringing with him his administrative expertise. The whole committee should be congratulated for the work they do managing the hall and ensuring we have fantastic facilities for the use of the community.

Over the last twelve months we have:-

- a) Successfully resolved any concerns raised in the annual ROSPA report on the play area, thanks to Chris Ponton.
- b) Carried out a maintenance day in November including clearing drains and tidying up generally, thanks to all involved.
- c) Insulated the understage ceiling void finished in previous year thanks to Clive Parrish, he also completed the sealing of the holes for the insulation earlier this year.
- d) Have maintained a successful Film Club, with nearly 70 members, which has contributed to the funds of the hall, thanks to Ian Butcher, Joyce and David Chumbley, Margaret Wing, Jacqui Taylor, and Emma Myers.
- e) Raised funds through the 100 Club and have a full complement of 100 members, thanks to Joyce Chumbley and Brenda Smith.
- f) Raised £420 through a bar run during the World Cup, with the blessing of Vikki and Spike at the White Lion.
- g) Provided a new white crockery set for hall users. Thanks to Joyce and David who organised this.
- h) Provided new glassware thanks to a donation from the Jubilee Group and to Ken Bodycombe for organising this.

I am pleased to say through Brian's sound management of our finances we have been able to reduce some of our hall hire charges from 1 April 2019. Finally, a special thanks to Brenda Smith who is standing down from the Hall Committee after serving on the committee for some years, representing the WI.

## **DRIMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

*Martin Higgs, Chairman Drimpton Village Hall and Recreational Trust*

The last year has been a busy one for the village and in particular the village hall, which has been well-used throughout. On a physical level, the committee has continued to ensure that the hall is maintained to its accustomed high standard and additionally tried, where possible, to improve upon and add to the existing facilities. Wall heaters have been purchased for the changing rooms; a further new stanchion bar and stage lights have been bought and erected to augment the existing lights; a new lighting pole with two lights has been erected and connected to the electrical system and this should provide improved lighting across the car park.

No further work has been undertaken on the car park surface itself, as the newly laid area needs three years to settle. After that period has elapsed both the new extension and the original car park will be resurfaced. To achieve this we will continue raising funds so that we are ready and able to pay for this work when the time comes. The Village Hall Car Park Fund has continued to grow by various means; raising money by running events, through kind donations from individuals and via a loan from our very supportive Parish Council. We have managed to repay some of this loan and intend to clear the remaining amount in a timely



manner. Although the Car Park Fund has been a major focus, a balance has had to be maintained with the everyday finances of the Village Hall itself, a task which Tim Bassett has achieved with his usual elan. Thanks are, as always, due to the Parish Council, which continues to support us with annual contributions to our running costs as well as helping with the Car Park Fund.

In June of 2018 an Energy Proficiency Report was commissioned for the Village Hall and this has provided several ideas for reducing our energy consumption and costs, several of which we intend to implement. We are also currently engaged in reclaiming Gift Aid monies due from the Inland Revenue as a result of our charitable status.

As regards activities, perhaps the major point in our calendar was the week of commemorative events with which the village marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War. A sub-committee was set up early in the year, consisting of Francesca Hurrell, Kate Hesketh and Sarah Higgs. This committee decided that the occasion was too important to be honoured by a single event and so scheduled a week-long happening which saw the village transformed into a bustling, poppy-bedecked centre of remembrance. The week culminated in two Saturday performances of 'Archie Dobson's War' which took many cast and audience members beyond the edge of tears, followed by events on Remembrance Sunday itself. A total of over £2,000 was raised for the Royal British Legion. I'm sure I am not alone in saying that I will never forget that week and in feeling that we did not dishonour those whose sacrifice we commemorated.

Nick and Francesca Hurrell have kindly taken over the ArtsReach mantle from Roger and Linda Smith, who must be thanked profusely for their efforts over the years. ArtsReach has continued to provide us with both entertainment and a constant source of funds.

Our regular groups (Short Mat Bowls, Garden Club and Youth Club; Light Lunches) continue to flourish. Parish groups such as the Neighbourhood Planning Group and the Community Land Trust continue to hold meetings in the hall. Village Voices have made a donation of £400 to our funds. Thank you to Andrew Pastor and his team.

Helly Easton has organised a weekly Qi Gong session which is proving very popular, although sadly the weekly ballet lessons have now ceased.

Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of several villagers we still have no Football Team in Drimpton, although hopes remain high that this situation can be rectified by next season. Tony Francis is continuing to maintain the pitch and surrounds to a high standard, as the pitch is now used by other local teams who are having difficulty finding a venue, thereby augmenting our hall revenues.

The committee have decided that in 2019 the dormant idea of a Village Summer Fete or Fayre should be revived and plans are being drawn up to achieve this. Hopefully we can make this an annual event which will provide a focal event for the village and funds for its various organisations, not least the Village Hall.

In closing, thanks are, of course, due to those individuals who have toiled throughout the year to ensure that the Village Hall Committee conducts its business efficiently but also in such a spirit of conviviality and good humour;

- Tim as Treasurer, keeping a firm hand on the tiller.
- Lesley as Secretary, who ensures that we remain up-to-date with all relevant legislation, such as the General Data Protection Regulations.
- Rosemary who runs the diary and co-ordinates all Village Hall events.
- Steve for overseeing maintenance and repairs and being our link with the Parish Council and with our very efficient cleaner, Sharon.
- Diana for running the Film Club.
- Ken – our chief electrician and representative of Netherhay Chapel.
- Emma – who has kindly taken over responsibility for the Youth Club.
- Tony – for continuing to maintain the grounds.
- Norman – our sound technician and representative of St Mary’s Church.

Finally, a final heartfelt thankyou to all the other individuals and groups who work so hard, often in the background, to make sure that our Village Hall doesn’t simply function but provides us with a community focal point of which we can all be justifiably proud.

#### **BROADWINDSOR ALLOTMENT GROUP**

*Sheila Hawkins, Chair Broadwindsor Allotment Group*

Firstly, I would like to thank the Parish Council on behalf of all the Allotment Group members for all the financial assistance provided during the course of the last year for which we are very grateful. This has allowed us to take forward a number of projects:

- A small grant was provided to purchase a bird scarer to deter the jackdaws which are rather a nuisance on the site. One of our plot holders already operates one of these at one end of the site and the new one, shaped like a hawk, is now flying at the shop end of the site.
- During the course of the summer the Parish Council replaced our notice board at the entrance with the splendid new one.
- Also, during the summer, to assist in tidying up the allotment site, the Parish Council paid for the hire of a skip, which we had absolutely no trouble filling over the course of 2 days! Plot holders came along to help clear some of the unused plots and make them a bit more attractive to prospective renters.
- The Parish Council also funded the purchase in October/November of 250 fruiting hedge plants for the verge above the road. Volunteers (including Parish Councillor David Leader) came along over the course of a weekend in mid-January this year to plant all these. We chose to plant a fruiting hedge to provide a wind break for the allotments, and also, in due course, to provide food and a safe haven for birds and other wildlife. We have hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, hazel and dogwood, so in a few years should have a good show of blossom in spring and berries in autumn.

During the late summer the allotment site suffered a plague of ragwort. The local farmer and the Parish Council alerted us to the fact that this should not be allowed to set seed, so at short notice a group of us, along with the farmer and some Parish Councillors, managed to pull up the offending plants right across the site. We later burned the piles of dead ragwort. The Parish Council has now added a clause to our contract making individual plot holders responsible for managing the ragwort on their plots. Although ragwort is not a notifiable plant (this is from the DEFRA website), it does spread easily and on the wind, and stalks can be poisonous to horses and cattle. It is also important for wildlife such as cinnabar moths, so we have asked plot holders to enjoy the plants but not to allow it to seed.

In June we raised around £30.00 from the plant stall at the annual Broadwindsor Fun Day. We also had scarecrows displayed on the allotments as part of the competition. We'll be having another plant stall at this year's Fun Day in June. Also, during the summer we enjoyed a summer barbeque for plot holders and families on site, and will be doing so again sometime in July this year. Currently we have several vacant plots - two full plots and four half plots. We'll be putting a notice in local newsletters and websites to attract new plot holders, so if you know of anyone who might wish to think about taking on part of an allotment, my details are on the Parish Council website, or on the noticeboard at the allotment site gate.

#### **BROADWINDSOR COMMUNITY STORES**

*Report submitted by Andrew Hookings, Chairman Broadwindsor Community Stores presented by the Clerk.*

Following his retirement as Chairman last year, I would like to start the sixth annual report by thanking Fraser Hughes for his outstanding contribution to our community stores since its inception. His drive, commitment and enthusiasm have been an example to all, and a key factor as to why the shop is the success it is today.

I am delighted to be able to report another successful year's trading, with a record year's turnover of £238,175, up £4,000 on budget and up 3.08% on 2017's turnover. We have managed to produce a modest net profit £1,867, again up on budget. Whilst some may comment that we could have produced a higher profit, our objective is to provide a facility for all in the community, selling groceries that are affordable to everyone. We are not motivated by profit but seek to ensure that we can pay our way. David Taylor, our treasurer, since we started trading as Broadwindsor Community Stores and who handed over the financial reins to Sandra Burrows in January this year, will present the accounts for 2018. David is now retiring from the committee and I would not only like to thank him for his hard work over the years as treasurer, but also for leaving the business in the healthy position it is today.

We are extremely fortunate to have the services of Kevin Madder-Smith, our manager, ably assisted by Jane Sloman, who have done a marvellous job this year. Their efforts are reflected in the profit level achieved, and Kevin continues to look at ways we can improve our margins whilst maintaining quality items on the shelves.

Of course, our success is not solely down to the support of the community, we should not forget the contribution to our success made by our volunteers without whom we could not continue to trade. This year, we had a volunteer recruitment and shop promotion drive through the Broadwindsor News and a 'door to door' leaflet drop. Both I can report were successful. However, we cannot be complacent and we still need more volunteers, especially to assist with the early morning shifts. I must also make a special mention of Sally Dawson, who has done a sterling job as Volunteer Co-ordinator. Sally, key in our recruitment drive, has sadly decided to retire due to work commitments.

On the downside, in May this year, our shop was subjected to an aggravated burglary, when two hooded young men broke in during the night. Fortunately, one of our volunteers, saw the two men and called the Police who apprehended the burglars. My thanks to Richard for his thoughtful and brave actions. I can report that the two young burglars have recently received a 'slap on the wrist'. What was most rewarding with this whole affair was how the community responded to this 'attack' on their shop. The community rallied round and supported the shop with increased sales in the weeks following the event, which I can report is not usually the case in similar circumstances.

Finally, I would like to thank my vice-chairman and company secretary, Stewart Urry, and the other members of the committee for their hard work, support and commitment throughout the year.

## **BROADWINDSOR JUBILEE GROUP**

*Margery Hookings, Broadwindsor Jubilee Group*

It's been a bitter-sweet year for Broadwindsor Jubilee Group. We had our most successful Village Fun Day ever in 2018, followed by a terrific Firework Night and then the Christmas lights in the Square, a packed Quiz earlier this year and Hot Cross Bun Morning. Last year, we gave away £1,700.00 to Fullers, the WI, the School, the Brownies, the MUGA, the Church after school club, Comrades Hall and the sports field. But early this year, the group disbanded, after a disagreement over the format for the 2019 event and where it should be held.

It's a huge shame, as the group has organised events in the village since the Queen's Golden Jubilee of 2002. The aim all along has been to put on fun events for people of all ages in the village to enjoy, at an affordable price. And along the way, more than £22,000 has been given away to local groups and organisations.

However, all is not doom and gloom. This year, more than £1,000 will be distributed by the Jubilee Group, which is keen to hear about local causes that would benefit from funding. And, faced with the prospect of no Fun Day at all this year, a group of villagers has got together to put on a Fun Day to remember, with the help of £1,000 funding raised for the event by the Jubilee Group over the last twelve months. So, make a date for Saturday 1 June when West Street and part of The Square will be closed to traffic. PH Hardwill Ltd are once again kindly donating the lorry stage, where local group HiDDen and the Shadrack Street Band will

perform. Attractions will include classic cars, a disco, afternoon teas, barbecue, a football tournament on the MUGA, a massive hamper raffle, stalls and sideshows, a children's entertainer and drum workshops from Organic Rhythm. The event opens at 2.00 pm but before that, there will be a parade of village shields from the Hall down to the Square. If you're part of a village organisation, we'd love to see you joining in and if you need to tart up your shield, please let me know and we'll get it out for you.

Broadwindsor Fun Day would be incomplete without the Scarecrow Competition. This year, the theme reflects 50 years since the first moon landing. We're looking for entries of astronauts, aliens, rockets and anything to do with space, although you are more than welcome to do a traditional scarecrow. There will also be the chance to make miniature scarecrows, which will be put on Bernards' Place. And I must not forget the Big Breakfast, which takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 27 May. Flyers will be going around to all households in the village with details about these events and, with the help of local school children, posters are already out and about.

The enthusiasm and determination of this new group of village people is a force to be reckoned with. And hopefully, from this will emerge a worthy successor to the Jubilee Group, with the aim of bringing all members of our village community together for an event that is inclusive, busy and, most of all, fun. So please show your support. We look forward to seeing you at the Big Breakfast, Fun Day and all your scarecrows!

### **BROADWINDSOR STITCHERS**

*Sue Eccles, Broadwindsor Stitches*

Mrs. Eccles reported that the group meet at Comrades Hall on Fridays between 10.00 am and 12 noon and that the group is informal. Mrs. Eccles stated that the group has different projects including quilt making and that everyone is welcome to join.

### **DRIMPTON & NETHERHAY YOUTH CLUB**

*Councillor Steve Chubb, Netherhay & Drimpton Youth Club*

Firstly, I must thank all the volunteers who help run the youth club which meets twice a month in Drimpton Village Hall. Numbers are currently around 20 children aged from 7 to 15. The youth club only continues due to the following people, Robert Fooks our youth club leader, Emma Costin youth club assistant, Tracey Fooks our treasurer with a few helpers all who require a thank you for another great year, also a big thanks for those involved in the coffee morning. In the last year we have arranged the following:

- Film nights
- Games nights inside and outside the hall
- Ten Pin Bowling
- An educational visit from Bug Fest about insects etc. including the opportunity to touch some creepy crawlies

- Skittle night in the pub where over 20 children turned up, a big thanks to John & Sue.
- Visited Bridport police station
- Helped make poppies and pom poms to for the 100 year centenary of WW1

We are entirely self-funded and in April held a coffee morning in the village hall, we get the games out so anyone can play. Thanks to all those that came and helped and played games we made £163.00.

We applied to the FMR Trust for money to enable the children to visit local attractions which pays for transport, and helped towards the cost of a 3 foot high connect 4 game.

All our helpers are all DBS checked and we have trained first aiders at each event

Now for the bad news, our Leader Rob will be leaving the village soon and we have not that many helpers to run the youth club so in January we advertised for a leader and more helpers but received only two interests, we decided as from September 2019 if we have no helpers and leader we may have to close the youth club, this will affect over 20 young children and lose revenue for the village hall but unless people step forward we cannot continue. If I have a report for next year's Parish Annual Parish Meeting then you will know that we have been successful in keeping the youth club going.

### **CLAPTON, WAYFORD & DRIMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

*Diana Leake, Clapton, Wayford & Drimpton Horticultural Society*

The Society was started in 1954 and has been going strong since then. We belong to the Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs as Clapton and Wayford are in Somerset. The Federation has 236 clubs and I am told that we are renowned for having the longest name of any club. When I telephone, I only have to mention "Clapton" and they finish off the rest for me. We also belong to the Dorset Federation; these two important organisations give us advice, encouragement and information.

Currently we have our highest ever membership now standing at 80. Lately it seems that any new residents seem to have an interest in gardens and gardening. We have a committee of eight which meets every two months and at the moment we are busy preparing for our Summer Show which is on Saturday 10 August ...schedules are available on the table.

Our meetings are open to all at a cost of £1.00. Stan our poster man does put up posters around the area so if you see a subject that appeals to you, do come along. Now to the main event of last year....

In November, Drimpton held a week of events to mark the end of WW1. The Horticultural Society hosted a talk given by Christine Stones on "The Gardens of WW1". Her talk ranged from the stately homes who lost their gardeners to the war effort, to the soldiers creating gardens of their own in the trenches. Soldiers would write home asking for their families to

send out seeds and the RHS played a part in sending seeds too. The photographs showing the gardens that they created was quite humbling. It was an inspiring and sobering talk.

Other events throughout the past year apart from monthly talks were our ever-popular quiz and food night which is always a very lively event and our Christmas Dinner. We are a happy and enthusiastic band of gardeners keen to increase our horticultural knowledge and sharing our successes and, of course, sadly, our failures.

### **BROADWINDSOR COMMUNITY SPORTSFIELD**

*Councillor David Leader, Broadwindsor Community Sportsfield*

Councillor Leader stated that the sports field continues to be well used and stated that recently there had been problems of dog fouling and asked all to be vigilant and report any incidents. Councillor Leader reported that a working party of thirty people had convened and had completed all the required maintenance tasks. Councillor Leader stated that the sports field provides recreational opportunities for playing football and for dog walking and is a real community asset. Councillor Leader thanked all of the volunteers who help maintain the site, those that help by cutting the grass and paid thanks to Mr. Rob Hedditch for keeping the mower going! Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Leader for his report.