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Playing Field - Cricket & Football

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013/14

As usual I would like to start by thanking the members of the Committee who have supported me during the year and I am pleased to say that our numbers increased by one when Vic Goodey joined us as a representative of the Bowls Club. Also I mustn't forget to thank Lawrence who has continued to cut the grass for us for another year.

The year has been quite an active one for us. One major concern of mine has been resolved, and that was the updating of the Trust Deed that governs how the hall facilities are run. The Deed specifies how this Committee is made up and the old Deed required it to include representatives from organisations that no longer exist and it also excluded anyone who did not live in the village from being a member. So we have had the Deed updated and registered with the Charities Commission so now any organisation that uses the Hall can ask to have a representative on the Committee and people who live outside the village can be nominated and elected onto the Committee. So we now have a Deed that is fit for purpose, particularly when applying for grant funding.

The major event for last year was the Cricket Festival which was enjoyed by all those who attended and it raised money for the hall refurbishment. We also held a car boot sale which raised funds for the ongoing upkeep of the Hall.

I am pleased to say that the tennis court which was refurbished last year continues to be well used and brings in a healthy income.

The expenditure on the football field approximately breaks even with its income but we had to subsidise the annual maintenance of the cricket square. It did provide some income from its use by Rayne Cricket Club and I am pleased to say that they are intending to play more games here this year which should cover the maintenance work required at the end of the season.

I am pleased to say that we were able to get two grants this year, one which allowed us to refurbish the toilets and the other to recover the flat roof over the store room which had begun to leak.

We have also changed the way that we contract out the cleaning and caretaking of the hall and we are already seeing the benefits of the change. With all the improvements we are seeing in the hall hopefully the lettings will start to increase.

Looking forward, we have a busy weekend from the 5th to the 7th July with a repeat of the Cricket Festival on the Saturday, for which we have obtained a grant of £400 towards the costs, and the Tour de France on the Monday. We are opening the field as a pop-up campsite for the Sunday night for Tour enthusiasts and intend to keep the beer tent and the BBQ going from the Saturday to the Monday as a fund raiser for hall refurbishment.

As always we are grateful for any help we can get. If anyone can help us over the Tour weekend, raising funds, obtaining grants and sponsorship this would be greatly appreciated.

COLIN GOLDING
CHAIRMAN
17TH APRIL 2014