

# **Hindolveston Parish Council**

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## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Thursday 16 April 2015 in the Millenium Pavilion at 7.30pm**

Present: M Walsh (Chair), P Patten, T Leeder, C Davison and 5 members of the public  
**Minutes**

1. Chair's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting (17 April 2014) were approved and signed.
4. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

### **5. Reports from village organisations**

#### **Recreation Ground Committee**

Over the last year the recreation ground has held several events which have all been successful and helped to raise the funds needed to maintain the grass cutting and general up keep of the rec. We purchased new tables and are in the process of ordering a new cricket net. We also bought two new tents.

Events held were: Easter Coffee Morning, Garage Sale, summer fete, Rock on the Rec, Fish n Chip Quiz night.

We aim to continue holding these events this year with hopefully a couple of village cricket matches thrown in. We are in the process of applying for a multi sports court and scooter area to have on the recreation ground. The big slide has been repaired in the play area and we are now waiting for it to be repainted.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support at the events we hold and hope to have another good year in 2015.

The current balance is at £8537.45

Karen Peart (secretary)

#### **Ladies Group**

Once again the Ladies Group have enjoyed some wonderful evenings covering a wide range of interest from the talents of our local lady Mrs Pauline Wrighton who gave a talk on her career in fabrics followed by in February a talk on China by Mrs Mary Beek. March brought us Mr Mike Flood "Ploughing with Horses" and in April Mr John Stirland, a new comer to our village, telling us of his life in Horticulture.

May took us to the theatre in Fakenham which was a great show and in June we learnt about Christine Adam's House Move in Wells which was amazing. We enjoyed a lovely summer's evening in July with a tour round Beck Farm House Gardens followed by a very welcomed glass of wine! We were kept active in August with several games of ten pin bowling and in September were taught the art of up-cycling by another talented lady from our village, Mrs Jan Morrison. Our annual meal out was enjoyed as always in October. In November we arranged events for 2015 and also decided to treat ourselves to a Christmas party! The food was amazing! The last event of the year was a demonstration of Christmas arrangements by Diane Peart, which brought to an end another very successful year for our group.

We have a membership of 26 ladies and a bank balance of £500.

Diane Peart

#### **Village Hall**

The village hall continues to act as the major venue for most village indoor activities and trading figures continue to be buoyant across all sectors of income, despite the demise of the regular Friday evening bar session, due to lack of support. Other than on the last Friday of the month, when there is folk music, which attracts several people, other Friday evening bar sessions had dwindled to just two or three people, sometimes including the licensee.

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The village hall is the venue for a very wide range of fitness activities, from weights and gymnasium to tai chi and hapkido and carpet bowls. Other regular hobby activities are regularly held, including quilting, life classes and textile work. Additionally there are frequent cinema screenings, including foreign-language films, which are increasingly popular, as is the regular weekly Coffee Shop; also we maintain our association with the Eastern Angles Theatre Company as well as with Creative Arts East, through whose offices we are able to bring high-quality theatre to Hindolveston. In addition to those events, there are of course, private hirings for celebrations and the like.

Keeping prices at a sustainable level for hirers and the village hall alike is tricky but seems to be paying off.

The current Management Committee is becoming quite long in the tooth and we are always on the lookout for any interested persons, of any age, who might be keen to help us run and maintain this busy community venue.

Our great hope is that we shall eventually be able to afford to resurface the car parking areas, across which all users must pass to access the building; we are aware that for older people and those who have difficulty walking or who rely on electric buggies, this can be difficult. It is something that we are actively working on.

Audrey Bould

Chair, Hindolveston Village Hall Management Committee

## Crafts in Action

Hindolveston Crafts in Action is not for profit organisation whose aim is to celebrate and promote the arts and crafts in Hindolveston. A committee of six organise and run the events.

We attended the Recreation Ground Fete last year and invited people to have a go at making hurdle. Our Active Craft day in August was well attended and the Christmas Craft Market had a wide range of local crafts for sale.

This year we will be putting on a small exhibition of locally made art and craft items at the Recreation Ground Fete in June. Our Active Craft Display day is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. There will be people from Hindolveston sharing their crafts and arts, so come along, see what a talented place Hindol is and perhaps have a go yourself.

The Christmas Craft Market will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Frances Wingate

## Village Screen

Since our last report we have had more live screenings as part of a trial set up by Creative Arts East. Although this was very successful unfortunately Creative Arts East has not yet been able to organise a system that will work for small village screens.

We show 8 films in a year with one season in the autumn and one in the spring. The audience numbers average forty nine people for each film. For each film shown we have to pay a licence fee which is usually about £100 but sometimes it can be as much as £175 but despite this we have been able to make a profit for the Village Hall.

This last season we have started showing foreign language films, two in the autumn season and two in the spring season, as well as the usual eight films. This is proving successful and we are attracting a different audience, so we plan to continue this next season.

Frances Wingate

## Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop started its fourth year this February. It has been open nearly every Monday morning 10 till 12, Bank Holidays included. Lynda Johnson and I are very grateful for all the support we have been given. We donated £2,000 to the Village Hall last year, we take out our expenses donating the surplus to the Village Hall so you can see how well supported it is.

Frances Wingate

6. Open forum - villagers may talk about any issue in the village. None

Meeting closed 7.45 pm