



Chairman & Trustees' Report

Since our last AGM in October 2019 it has not been the easiest of years with the Coronavirus pandemic forcing us to cancel or postpone fundraising events. There was also the very sad passing of Keith Mitchell who was a founder member of the WFAC and a huge support to all the trustees with his expert knowledge on all things. The WFAC Trustees will be eternally grateful for everything Keith did for the Milton Road project and we will miss him dreadfully!

During the pandemic there have been many positives.

Back in March a group from the WFAC membership formed and have been delivering medication to the vulnerable in the village. Thank you to everyone involved – a small thing to do but it's made such a difference to those in need.

Further back, the Autumn Ball last November was a huge success and raised a considerable amount of money and we were very pleased to be able to make donations to other charities in the village - Let's Play, Katharine House and Lake House. The Christmas Aunt Agatha afternoon teas in December and Valentine Aunt Agatha in February were both also great successes.

The fundraising team although not able to put on any events at the moment have been busy planning next year and, subject to restrictions being lifted, the ever popular Aunt Agatha afternoon teas will begin again on 11th April and will also take place on 20th June & 19th December. An Italian evening is also planned for 22nd May and a curry and quiz night on 9th October. The Community Day will return on 18th September and the Spring Ball which was due to take place in May has been moved to the 20th November – an 'Autumn Ball' instead. So, lots to look forward to!

Thank you to Jackie, Kate, Pam and all the fundraising team for their continued commitment and hard work and to all the residents who come along and support these events.

Thank you also to everyone who has been supporting us by shopping through Easyfundraising and purchasing a Cherwell Lottery ticket each week – if you are not doing so already and would like to help us by contributing to either the Cherwell Lottery or Easyfundraising, please visit the Working for Adderbury Community website for further details.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Adderbury Parish Council and Adderbury Farmers Market for their grants which have enabled us to update our

website and purchase promotional materials which will help us with advertising costs for our fundraising events – thank you to Laura for organising this.

Milton Road Project update.

We were all very pleased when the planning permission for the building, car parking and highways entrance was granted in June of this year. The CDC councillors were unanimous in supporting the project, with just two abstentions and no objections.

Following this permission sub groups have been formed to work on the Business Plan, grant applications and the new Community building. Following the Covid 19 crisis, obtaining grant funding has proved more challenging so the team are currently exploring a phased approach for the build, working with the Parish Council's architect and project manager.

The preparation of the pitch area has progressed well. The grass was sown in September and has now had at least four cuts to encourage the sward to develop. It will take about 18 months until it is ready for playing.

There is still a lot of work to be done and we are always looking for people to come and help us and if you would like to get involved, please contact us by visiting the WFAC website.

Finally, we would like to thank you for joining us this evening and look forward to seeing you all, in person, very soon!

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