

Penselwood Community Association AGM 24.2.22

At last year's AGM my predecessor's report was simple: "*Nothing Happened.*" Fortunately, I can be more positive in both the things we have achieved and plans for the coming year. Firstly, our regular activities of the Black Bin Cafe and Pen Pub made a tentative and then more confident return. The Cafe restarted at the end of June, making use of the lovely gardens in front of the church to encourage people, still understandably reluctant to venture into mixing indoors, to break cover! The new vicar was delighted to see the gardens being used and it will be wonderful to hold the cafe outside sometimes this summer, simply because the weather is lovely.

An inaugural Village Open Gardens was held in spring, organised and run by the Gardening Club. Despite appalling weather, many villagers turned out to view some brilliant gardens and then warm up with teas served in the Village Hall. I hope we will try again in the not too distant future.

Village walks resumed in April and continued to November. A new set of walks have been planned this year. Still on an outdoor theme, a successful litter pick was held last March with lots of people coming forward to help keep our village clean. Another is to be held this March. See page 14 and the website for details.

Amazingly, after a late start to the planning, the fête was held in August. The weather was kind and the attendance outstanding, clearly more of us than we thought were in need of a traditional village fling! Many thanks to Tony Harrison for leading this and the myriad of helpers who willingly turned out to make it happen.

A couple of weeks later saw lots of adults and children gathered again on the Community Field to watch the life size puppet performance, *The Musicians of Bremen*, in glorious sunshine. A good time was had by all, whatever their age!!

As the weather cooled, we had to face the question of continuing activities indoors, where this could be done safely, or see the village close down again for the winter. Where possible the Pen Pub and Cafe continued and a successful Quiz Night held in November. A live performance by John Hegley was scheduled for mid February but Storm Eunice put paid to that. A one woman show by Hannah Kumari is booked for 25th March. Do come along to these events, they are subsidised, without which, live performance in a village this size would not be viable. If they are well supported we have plans for future events, and so far, with sensible caution, none of our activities have become village "super spreaders....."

The activities have meant we can afford to pay £400 to each of our 4 chosen charities. Last year, we decided to retain the same charities as the previous year, as they had had a raw deal from 2020. Charities for monies raised this year will be decided based on suggestions at the AGM. Work continues to assimilate the 3 village charities (P.C.A., Village Hall & Bryan Young Community Field) into a single entity.

The last 2 years have been hard in sustaining village cohesion and community spirit. There have been new families moving in during this time which is really good news. However, the ability to draw them in to village life has been limited, though improving. To regain and sustain the vibrancy of life in Pen as many of us have known it, will need all of us to engage with new neighbours and talk about events and activities and make it easy and comfortable for them to join in if they wish.

Finally, a huge thanks to David Brown for his fascinating insights into his, and the ICRC's, invaluable work in the world's conflict zones. It is so important given today's news of the invasion of Ukraine.

jane Ashman, Chair Penselwood Community Association

PEN SELWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Receipt and Payments Accounts
for the 12 months ending 31 December 2021

Receipts	2021	2020
	£	£
Calendars		£343
Fete	£7744	
Sundry		£11
Quiz night	£131	
Open Gardens	£100	
Nat West	£1250	
Donations	£111	
Total Receipts	£9336	£354
Expenses		
Insurance	£0	£1183
Fundraising Contribution	£518	£250
Elec Bill Contribution	£15	
Fete Insurance Contribution	£125	
Sundry	£58	
Fete Expenses	£1843	
Donation to Hall float	£200	
Total Expenses	£2759	- £1080
Grants		
Church	£3000	
Hall	£750	
Field	£750	
Local Charities		£800
National Charities		£800
RNLI	£100	
CAT Bus	£100	
MIND	£100	
Air Ambulance	£100	
Total Grants	£4900	£1600
Allocated for Donations to Village		
Allocated for Donations to Local Charity		£800
Allocated for Donations to National Charity		£800
Total payments	£7659	

Balance	£1667	£2680
Reserves brought forward	£1549	£4229
Reserves at the end period	£3226	£1549

Net Assets

Co-Op Business A/C	£34170	
Nat West Current A/C		£15414
Nat West Deposit A/C		£10037
Fete Cash	£838	£936
Total Assets Held by PCA	£35008	£26387

Less Held for Village Trusts

Hall	£28456	£24838
Field	£3526	£2168
Total	£31782	£24838

PCA Net Assets	£3226	£1549
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Unrestricted reserves at end of period	£3226	£1549
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Approved & Signed by:

Jane Ashman
Chair

Meena Ransome
Treasurer