

Penselwood Community Association

Annual Report 2022 for AGM 16.4.23

I am delighted to report that It has been an active and busy year in the village. Our regular activities such as the Black Bin Cafe and Pen Pub have taken place all year without any known unintended consequences to people's health! Village walks and the Gardening Club have met regularly, hopefully both with positive health consequences.

The Tough 10K run returned with a bang in April after 2 years absence. The maximum number of entries (110) was achieved in the main race, with considerable support and enthusiasm for the U15's and U 9's races as well. Many villagers came out of their houses to clap and cheer the runners and £1184 was raised for the PCA and charities it supports. Interestingly it was the next biggest fundraiser after the fete.

Working with the organisation "Take Art" we held 4 live performances in the village in 2022. Take Art is nationally subsidised organisation enabling live acts to perform in rural communities at rates that make it possible for small villages such as ours to risk staging some. We had a talented actor: Hannah Kumari, delivering an energetic and moving solo performance in March. A poet/comedian/singer John Hegley, offered an entertaining evening in April. July saw our second outdoor family show on the Community Field. We were again blessed with blue skies and warmth that made the watery theme of the show (called The Wave) very welcome. It was an anarchic whirl of water fights, songs, panto and fascinating uses of silly string that had young and old laughing and participating. A great success! Autumn brought a change of tone with a singer/guitarist Nick Hart delivering from his repertoire of English folk songs. We have tried to select a diverse range of styles of performances to offer something for all. So far we have covered costs and made modest profits for our fundraising from each show, but they do need your support if we are to continue with them.

The Jubilee weekend kicked off with a beacon lighting as part of the national chain and a party on the Community Field on the Sunday afternoon. There was a buffet lunch or a bring your own picnic offer, all well supported by the Pen Pub. Live music was also on offer and despite the rain arriving around 4pm it didn't dampen the spirits of the younger members of the village.

August brought another fine day for our annual village fete which again, was a great success. The raffle tickets sold out, the Pen Pub and BBQ were both extremely popular and our various stalls did a roaring trade. It was great to see the flower and produce show return to the church and the famous fete "teas" were as usual much in demand, served and consumed in the gentle shade and green of the church gardens.

Christmas saw the welcome return of a Christmas party for village children after many years of absence due to the lack of young children! Happily we now have a burgeoning group of young families in Pen so look forward to their growing participation in village life! Not to be left out there was also a Christmas party for grown ups, who brought "sharing plates" for the buffet and were ably supported by the Pen Pub. A jolly good time was had!

All the activities described above can only happen thanks to the efforts of all those who turn out to help, whether as organisers and/or helpers. You are all invaluable to the life of the village and immense thanks go out to you all. You know who you are!

The ambition to merge the Village Hall Trust and Bryan Young Community Field Trust with The PCA has made progress. The Field was formally merged on Dec31 2022 and this year's AGM will be the final time the accounts for it, will be separately reported. The outstanding issue is to transfer the ownership of the Field at the Land Registry. The Village Hall merger is taking longer due to the issues surrounding the lease, though this too is finally making progress. The PCC and the Diocese have agreed to the new lease being made with the PCA and have instructed solicitors to proceed. As is customary in such matters the proposed "Lessee" (ie the PCA) will be covering the legal fees for the PCC as well as its own, and money has been set aside for this. We are currently aiming to complete the new lease and merger of the Hall with the PCA by June 30 2023.

Finally, an apology. due to an administrative mix up, the Alzheimer's Society (which received the most votes at last year's AGM) was not paid its £400. The PCA committee realised the error when finalising the accounts for last year and decided it would honour the commitment and pay it from the 2023 accounts as well as the 4 charities selected for support at this year's AGM. Our policy remains to sponsor two local and 2 national/ international. Please ensure you tell us which charities you want to support before you leave the hall this evening!

jane Ashman

PEN SELWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PCA Accounts

Receipt and Payments Accounts

for the 12 months ending 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	£	£	£
Fete		£5927	£8457
Open Gardens			
Nat West			
Donations		£50	£330
Fun Run Float Repayment		£200	£200
Misc. (Table Sales)		£187	
Fun Run		£1424	
Take Art Tickets		£266	
Total Receipts		£8054	£8987
Expenses			
Fundraising Contribution		£0	
Elec Bill Contribution			
Misc.		£6	
Fete Expenses		£2113	£2410
Hall Top Up		1200	
Fun Run Float Payment		200	
Take Art		280	
Total Expenses		£3799	£2410
Grants			
		Hopefully we will not need to spend tl	
Church		£1800	£3000
Hall			
Field			
Hall Float		£0	
National & Local Charities:			
Alzheimers		£400	
Motor Neurone		£400	£400
Air Ambulance		£400	£400
MSF		£400	£400
Balsam Centre		£400	£400
Xmas party		£27	£100
Total Grants		£3827	£4700

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Allocated for Donations to Village		
Allocated for Donations to Local Charity		
Allocated for Donations to National Charity		
Total payments	£7626	£7110
Balance	£428	£1877
Reserves brought forward	£5031	£3154
Reserves at the end of period	£5459	£5031
Net Assets		
Co-Op Current A/C	£39349	£37031
Fete Cash	£1099	£885
Total Assets Held by PCA	£40448	£37916
Less Held For Village Trusts		
Hall	£36760	£31032
Field	£1280	£0
Total	£38040	£31032
PCA Net Assets	£2408	£6884
Unrestricted reserves at end of the period	£2408	£6884
Approved and Signed by		

Jane Ashman
Chairman

Meena Ransome
Treasurer