

HAYFIELD CIVIC TRUST CHAIRMAN'S AGM REPORT 24TH FEBRUARY 2016

Thank you all for coming this evening. After Colin Divall's talk about the railway refreshments will be served.

We were very sorry to lose Susan Wyatt from the Committee in July, but she is still helping by reporting to us on planning issues. We greatly regret that Simon Huddleston recently decided not to stand for re-election and we would like to thank them both for their valuable contributions to the work of the Civic Trust over the past years. We welcome Jo Toft who joined us in October. At present we have only six Committee members and very much hope that other Hayfield Civic Trust Members will offer to join us. What skills or interests could you contribute to our work for the benefit of Hayfield? If you don't want to decide now, do get in touch with any of the Committee later. As well as Committee members, we need to have people who would offer occasional help with various projects during the year. On the sheet to be passed round during refreshments please indicate what you'd be able to offer help with.

It has been an enjoyably busy year for us planning and running our usual series of events and manning stalls at other village events. These included talks, the Pro Loco, Well Dressing designed by Henry Walsh and created by Penny Pope and her team, Apple Day, River Sett clean, Country Show, Sheep Wash clean and the Mole clearance by Graham Hewitt. Simon and Pete Webb cleared as much as possible at the Sheep Wash but it needs more work done than can be managed by two men once a year - could anyone volunteer to form a work party for twice yearly maintenance? Not many people turned up for the River Clean and we are thinking of suggesting joining forces with Sustainable Hayfield for it this year.

What else have we done?

- The Facebook page maintained by Suzanne is active and of interest - do visit and 'like' it.
- With a lot of work, our leaflet has been updated and I'm sure you like its new look.
- A major project this year has been the 'computerisation' and reprinting of Pam Gee's fascinating book, 'Kinder People'. It is now available from various outlets in the village or from any Committee member.
- We've taken photos of 'grot spots' around the village and sent them to the Parish Council. Of particular concern are the sycamore trees growing out of the bridge stonework and the dilapidated phone box which is detracting from the appearance of the village centre.
- As you know, Primrose Court was originally the village school from 1880 - 1987 and we are waiting for final agreement from Guinness, who own the building, for the plaque we've designed to be placed outside it.

- Labels have been prepared for the Pro Loco winners' pictures showing the artist's name and date and these will be put beside them shortly.
- The Village Diary has been reinstated at the Post Office the idea being to avoid clashes of dates - do put in any events you are arranging..
- We don't want ideas to come only from the Committee so in October we had a social evening to chat and garner ideas for future projects and activities, some of which were discussed and voted for at the time.
- There were a number of useful suggestions some of which were outside the remit of the Civic Trust. Others which are being implemented are :-
- The annual subscription will be £10, with the suggestion that longstanding life members might wish to pay it to help cover the day to day running costs of the Civic Trust.

Also:

- There will be more talks, admission being £2 including refreshments.
- Collaboration with Sustainable Hayfield on e.g. the River Clean.
- Continuing Oral History interviews with older residents
- The new leaflet - to be given to new residents, in local shops, Ranger Station etc.
- We have had a discussion with the promoters of 'The Kinder Trespass and Village Centre'. We will have a stall at their 'Spirit of Kinder Exhibition in April.
- Possible setup of an Internet Village Diary to be explored.

Also coming up is a national project 'Clean for the Queen' to celebrate her birthday. This would be a joint initiative with the Parish Council, Sustainable Hayfield and the Primary School.

Talks planned for this year are:-

23rd March 'The History of Buxton Opera House' by Trevor Gillman

25th May 'An Art talk and demonstration' by Sarah Morley

28th September 'Badgers' by Deborah Bailey

As always, many thanks are due to the Committee members and all who have helped in various ways throughout the year.

As I mentioned last year - if you have an email address it is useful for us to have it and tell us if it is changed, to enable speedy communication. If we haven't got yours, please may we have it?

This has been a lot to take in so if you would like to have a copy of this report do email me to ask for it either by email or on paper.

Sheila Booth