

Chairman's report 2022

Who would have thought two years down the line we would still be talking about the pandemic?

Despite our rather depleted funds due to two years of having to cancel Open Gardens, we are determined to celebrate our 70year anniversary.

I continue to be impressed by a committee who have been optimistic about events we could hold rather than those we had to cancel.

The three events we held in 2021 were all well supported and hope we can look forward to our anniversary year, not wishing to upstage the Queen we are planning a busy year with emphasis on encouraging the use of peat free compost and caring for the environment, also to strengthen our ties with the school.

Sadly Caroline has had to stand down as committee member, we thank her for her hard work on our media presence and wish her well.

Finally a massive thanks to our committee and officers who never fail to take on a multitude of tasks, it makes such a difference.

This is going to be a good year.

TREASURERS REPORT 2022

Since our last AGM we have been very limited in being able to raise for our club. Our membership numbers (80) are still strong but are slightly down on previous years due to not being able to see people as often. Hopefully we will regain our old members and add some new ones in 2022. The events we have held have been well supported and again this will increase as the restrictions are lifted and we can return to our normal programme.

Although we have not been able to hold our main fundraising event Open Gardens for 2 year's we have held our village produce show this attracted some new people to enter the show as we were all growing in lock down due to the lovely weather, where many people found their garden.

We are most grateful for Sue Hughes and Jill Love who during lock down started a plant stall and this continued as long as the plants kept arriving bringing a grand total of £425.50 in sales. We are hoping that this will continue as part of our fund raising and the village will continue to support us.

Our donations were limited but we managed to donate to Parwich 1st Responders, The Memorial Hall and Carolyn retirement. Our talk from Darren Rudge on recycling was well attended. We purchased a new trophy for the village show and polished the old. We have tried to run events when possible and donate when we felt funds were needed.

At present our funds balance is £1763.82 (bank £1412.84 cash £350.98)

Programme of events 2022/3

Illustrated talk – 7.30pm March 23rd

Trip to Meadow Cottage garden, Hulland Ward – 8th June

Open Gardens - June 26th

Trip to RHS Bridgewater, Manchester – 6th July

Village Show – September 11th

Apple Pressing Day – October date to be confirmed

Bob Matthews Quiz – February 2023 date to be confirmed

AGM - 7.30pm January 18th 2023