

**Annual General Meeting
19th April 2017
at Rose Coattge, Appley**

Chairman's Report

Since the last AGM we have had 3 meetings of the committee.

In April, following the AGM the meeting heard that using data from our previous survey it may be possible to raise funds for a short mat bowls club. A local cohesion project was needed and this should be researched. The provision of digital projector was discussed and 2 possible offers were made. Forms had been completed in an effort to change our bank account. Various suggestions were made for possible courses in the future.

In July Pauline Wood was thanked for agreeing to take on the role of treasurer and Barbara Roll was thanked for her work on the accounts. The possibility of a short mat bowls club was raised with funds to be raised once sufficient interest was expressed. An open gardens day was suggested in May. There has been a problem with the application for a new bank account, to be resolved. A reprint of the Stawley walks leaflets was needed. There have been no further volunteers to run the Youth group.

In October Pauline was congratulated on her clear and concise accounts. The usual projects were running smoothly. The walk leaflets had brought in over £100 during the year. Jane Embleton offered to spread them the other local B&Bs etc. The closure of the Globe Inn raised the subject of the need for a social hub and whether a volunteer could be found to organize a regular meeting of some sort.

In January we welcomed Moira Chandler, who has experience with children both as a teaching assistant and a youth leader. It was hoped that she, together with Andre Pereira may be persuaded to resurrect our Youth group. We have been donated a digital projector which is available within the community and is housed at Ashbrittle Village Hall. An application to the Jim Laker Foundation was made to cover the overspend on the notice boards, but unfortunately this was not successful. The cost of starting a short mat bowls club had been researched and would amount to about £3500. It would need 20 or so interested people to make it viable. Unfortunately we only have half a dozen and so the project will have to be dropped for the present. A talk by Norman Wood was suggested for March. Thanks to Norman, Pauline and Sally this raised the magnificent sum of £438.50 for funds. An open gardens day was suggested for the end of May and a Progressive supper for July, all in aid of RCI funds.

Michael Parkinson