

Chapmanslade Village Hall Annual General Meeting 2019, April 2020

Frank Lake, Chair Chapmanslade Village Hall & Memorial Field Committee

It's going to be a strange AGM.

I'm writing this on the evening before the meeting date to be posted on the village website and Facebook page. Normally we meet in the hall but under the current situation the village hall is not in use. This will affect our income but let's not worry about that at the moment.

Many of our usual activities took place during the year, which included the fun quiz, the barbecue, and of course the cream teas with croquet and boules! These functions are organised and run by the management committee, with many helpers, and provides essential income to run and maintain the hall. We also get income from regular hiring's and private parties along with some support from the Parish Council. Many of you will know that some weekends it's difficult to arrange a children's party due to the heavy demand!

Several things have been carried out in the hall in terms of maintenance and additions.

Following on from the installation of the screen and projector, together with a fixed sound system, we have added a hearing loop. This has a separate amplifier and no doubt will help those with impaired hearing during some events.

Added flexibility to the bar has been created by the construction, by Paul Lawrence, of a portable bar system. The design is quite clever and was no doubt originally sketched on the back of a beer mat one Friday evening in the Three Horseshoes!

The tarmac entrance to the village hall between the houses was resurfaced by Valletta in July. This we did this in conjunction with Nick Holland and Kerry in a three way split.

Early in the year the dead oak tree in the corner of the car park was taken down for safety reasons. Adam has cut the trunk into slabs of timber and will create a bench seat, amongst other things.

Adam, Budgie and Pete Driscoll, with Ken as road support, did a cycle ride to the Isle of Wight and back. They raised a considerable amount of money which was split between the village hall and Dorothy House, two local and very worthy causes! They have already planned to do it again the following year, which of course is 2020, but with the current situation I don't know how their plans are going?

The Chapmanslade Bee Friendly group have created several flowerbeds around the recreation field, which have been sown with seeds to attract bees. The intention is to provide more planting of varieties with bee friendly flowers in mind.

You can see that the Village Hall is a vibrant and active facility used by many groups and families within the village. It is run by members of the village for the benefit of the village and we are always looking for helpers either at events or even on the committee. We are a fairly friendly bunch and meet once a month in the evening at the pub. If you are interested in helping in any way then please feel free to contact me or any of the committee members.

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