

The Chairman's report for the 2017 AGM of Dale Forum

The Forum General Management Committee has overseen the work of the groups in line with Action Plan amended in 2011 and 2014.

Community Facilities and Activities

1. The Gardening Group

The walled garden continues to flourish with good yields of vegetables and fruit and a real sense of sharing the care of the garden. WI members have continued to care for the community area and also acted as stewards for the Open Gardens Day which raised money for the church roof.

2. The Needlecraft Group

The group continues to meet regularly.

3. The Bowls Group

Now meets on Tuesday evenings with new participants.

4. The WI

19 members at present and very keen. Members continue to work in the walled garden and are concerned for the welfare of the community. The cream teas events have done well and part of the money raised has been given to the "Hope" charity.

There have been organised trips, including to The Royal Mint, plus talks and a very good President's Supper.

5. Church

The St David's Day supper was well attended and there was a full range of Easter services. Rhiannon was resident Cannon at the Cathedral. Gaynor Ford has been ordained a Deacon.

The fete on 29th July raised almost £2,600 and the Open Gardens weekend raised £2,000 towards a new church roof. Anne Meeke's organ playing has been praised. The Harvest Supper was held on 8th October.

6. DADS

"The Pantobury Tales" was a great success and more than covered its costs. It really is a community theatre now and using so much local talent.

7. The Yacht Club

A good start to the season as far as racing is concerned and the number of junior sailors. The club was without a caterer for the first part of the season until Steve Jones was appointed in July. The regatta was successful, plus a Welsh youth sailing event and the National Laser Championships at the end of September.

8. The Coronation Hall Committee

The Trustees' claim against the adjudicator was settled out of court to the Trustees satisfaction. The finances are in good shape. The Trustees are always mindful that they should balance the need to raise sufficient funds to cover Hall running costs, with the needs of residents for an available space that does not have a negative effect on villagers especially those running businesses.

9. The Environment working group

The path to Castle Beach has been completed and is very good. Costs have been met by a variety of people.

10. History and Heritage group

Many visits have been made plus talks on such topics as prehistoric diets, The Battle of the Atlantic and the Sinking of the Albion. Membership is nearly 50. The Heritage Centre has been open on 4 days each week since May with exhibitions on local objects and "History and Mystery".

11. Dale Play Area Group

Trustees are still waiting to hear if a grant has been awarded, but the lease is still not settled. Pirate Day was postponed until next year, but a successful fundraiser on Bank Holiday weekend raised £350.

12. The Table Tennis Group

This group is still running with a keen core of regulars and is now using the yacht club.

On the 8th June, in response to an initiative by PAVS, there was a meeting in the Coronation Hall open to all residents, to hear a talk by Tessa Fudge on Community Connectors and a talk by Lee Hind on Time Banking. Rosemary Mecklenburgh has since been to a meeting on 11th September to see if Time Banking could work in Dale.