

Annual Report for Wortwell Community Centre (The Wortwell CORE)
Year ending 31st March 2020
Registered Charity No.1025885

Overall the Wortwell Community Centre (The Wortwell CORE) has had an exciting and successful year. The challenge, as always, was to keep the centre open for the purpose of supporting the community, providing sports, leisure and other facilities, whilst at the same time keeping the facilities we already have in good condition and where possible and or necessary replacing or updating them.

To this end we purchased and fitted new hand dryers in the main toilets, had the five yearly check on all electrics in the building undertaken, purchased and fitted a new electric cooking range in the main kitchen, replacing the previous gas cooker which necessitated the lighting of the pilot light prior to every function, purchased and fitted a new ice maker and a new glass washer for the bar, and purchased and fitted a new water heater for the main kitchen. In this we have also been assisted by the Wortwell Parish Council and we are very grateful for their support.

The Events Committee has had an eventful year. Please see the report from the Committee Chairperson, Mags Collyer, attached to this report.

The financial situation has remained satisfactory and please see the report from our Treasurer, Lua Leggett, also attached to this report.

Last year Liz Shore from The Wortwell Bell took over the management of the bar, following the retirement of Jack Reeve after 27 years. We knew at the time that this would only be for about one year as they had plans to move on to pastures new in the Autumn of 2019. With a number of sizeable events and some smaller ones, the bar did very well and some useful donations were made to the Centre. During this time Liz was assisted by Venecia Neale (Neesha) and when Liz officially left at the end of the year the decision was taken to offer the bar job to Neesha which she accepted and she took over assisted by her partner John. They have already satisfactorily run the bar at several events, resulting in some useful donations and I look forward to a long association with them.

Opening the Centre up for events has long been a time consuming task, falling normally on just two of our team. The trustees have agreed that this needed to change. So from now on we will be paying someone (Neesha at the moment) to open the centre and run through the health and safety with the hirers.

My thanks go to the Trustees who put so much time and work into keeping the centre going. In particular our long standing booking clerk, Sheila Rusted, our maintenance man Mick Fisher and our treasurer Lua Leggett together with Mags Collyer who has chaired the Events Committee so successfully during the year. These jobs all take a huge amount of time and commitment and without them the Centre would not be the

success it is. Sheila is stepping down to be replaced by Alison Shailes using the new online booking system. I'm sure Alison, already a huge asset to the Centre, will do a great job.

After three years as the Chairman of the Management Committee I am now retiring although I will remain a trustee for at least one more year. Bill Eddy will be filling this vacancy and I'm sure he will make a success of it.

As I write this the Centre is currently mothballed due to the Covid 19 pandemic and we have no idea at this stage when we will be able to re-open it. A number of occasions have been postponed or cancelled and the various clubs and societies have had to cease their activities for the foreseeable future. We must keep our fingers crossed that in due course everything will return to normal.