EVENTS ANNUAL REPORT

WORTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 9 MAY 2022

COVERING PERIOD 2021/22

Following Covid lockdown the first event held was Open Gardens in June 2021.

This was followed in August by Fete and Picnic on the Old Field. Working under strict Covid rules we enjoyed a superb afternoon with an assortment of crafts, car booters, fete games, food and drink outlets. A notable occasion took place in November last year when we held our postponed VE Day Commemoration to which all Wortwell villagers were invited to attend free of charge. Barrie Thornton from Events Team,put together a varied programme of 1940's nostalgia, music, quiz, singa-longs and finishing with Last Post and National Anthem. Donation to British Legion.

In December we held the ever popular pre-Christmas Craft Fair which also heralded the first time the bar had been opened for such an event. During the latter part of 2021 Trustee members of The Core took over the running of the bar for Core events thus enabling the creation of the Friday evening Community Hub. The Hub is proving to be popular for games and general socialising and now encompasses regular Bingo and Quiz evenings, thus providing the Core with a regular income.

We have taken delivery of 2 x 6 x 12m marquees, one of which housed craft stalls at the last fete. They are a valuable asset to the Events Committee. The other acquisition is a noticeboard sited on the Knoll for Events notices. This was funded by a legacy from Jane Pearce, former Wortwell Parish Council Secretary.

This year we have much to look forward to.

In June, Wortwell celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee beginning on Thursday 2nd June with an evening of music and dancing and interval to witness the lighting of the beacon. Friday is the normal Community Hub and Bingo and Saturday there will be an outdoor film showing 'Grease' with bring your own picnic.

In July we have a celebration of popular music from the 1970s onwards. August sees the return of the Fete and Craft Fair in December.

There have been some losses to the Events Committee and our number is now 8. We will be advertising in the village for new members.