

# West Hagbourne Village Association

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## Chairman's Report 2020

AGM – Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Hagbourne Village Hall.

Election of officers was as follows: Chair – Margaret Leishman, Vice chair – Ian Leishman, Treasurer – June Little, Secretary – Rob Rickard.

Executive committee - Val Walton, Rob Griffiths, Hazel Rack, Betty Kendrick, Julie Freeland, Pierre Aller, Emma Rickard, Bridget Pickup, Eva Pinkava.

During the meeting, Val Walton's final report as Chairman was to Val for her 5 years of dedicated leadership.

June Little presented the Treasurer's annual report.

Summary of Association events& activities- 2019/2020.

The Covid 19 pandemic has influenced all our lives, not least in a way that it has prevented villagers from having the opportunity of coming together to enjoy social events. However, by adapting to the restrictions posed on us, we have been able to continue to hold some events safely, in a way that hopefully maintained a sense of community.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Remembrance Day, poppy wreath laying and ceremony at the war memorial.

Christmas 2019 – St Andrew's Christmas tree festival, tree sponsorship.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – a well-attended New Year's village walk.

St George's Day Celebrations, April 2020 – a very well supported dragon display competition this year, with 30 households taking part. Having had to cancel this year's chosen judge, Cllr Jane Murphy, the winners were chosen by votes from the committee. This resulted in the 1<sup>st</sup> prize being awarded to 5, Manor Close, runner-up to Ash Farm and the best children's display to 6, York Road. A donation of £150.00 (£5 for each display) was sent to the Oxford Hospitals Charity in recognition of the village's appreciation of their vital work. A 'Thank you' card has been received as an acknowledgment.

Our thanks go to Malcolm Brownsword and John Baille for enabling the photos of this year's displays on the village website.

Madge Trophy, front gardens competition – June 2020. Judges, Penny Barfoot and Jenny Smith were guided around the village by Bridget, who kindly treated them to afternoon tea in her garden afterwards. 1st prize went to Green Thatch, Main Street, with highly commended going to 5, Grove Terrace, 1, Main Street and Enard Cottage, Moor Lane. The trophy has now been engraved and presented to the winner.

The Family Day, which was in the early stages of being organised for Sunday, 5th July at Manor Farm, was cancelled.

The spring, summer and autumn village walks could not take place, neithersadly, could our most popular event, the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which was planned for September.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Remembrance Day – poppy wreath laying at the war memorial.

#### Other business.

Our proposal for an additional village noticeboard in Foxglove Lane will have to be pursued when the next parish meeting is able to take place.

Ian Leishman is currently reviewing and updating the village welcome pack for new residents.

We are grateful to June for looking after of the Association's accounts and to Rob Griffiths for taking care of and overseeing the hiring out the marquees, etc.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last year. It has certainly been a most unusual one, and not how I envisaged my first year as Chairman to be. Let's hope that before too long we will all be able to get back together again.

Margaret Leishman.