

Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2019 from the Community Group

The Community Group has been active in the village again this year running the Saturday Morning Coffee Shop, the Book-Let, and Let's Lunch - the lunch club for the over 55's.

Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop is always a hive of activity with residents visiting every week for coffee, cake and a chat. Newcomers to the village, and there have several this last year, are delighted with this social hub, which they use to make new friends and find out what is happening in the locality.

Cyclists, walkers and visitors to the area who come across us by accident are thrilled to find such a great venue and are jealous of our residents, in that such a small village can be so vibrant and run such an amenity on a regular basis.

Book-Let

On the 2nd Saturday of each month the Book-Let is held in conjunction with the Saturday Coffee Shop. We have a band of loyal regular customers but also visitors come in to see what is going on. We are happy to sell books to those who do not live locally or cannot easily return books to us. Although it is still only 25p to borrow a book this money slowly builds up and is used to purchase items for the village hall.

Donations of books in good condition are always welcome particularly novels and biographies. Books that we have finished with are donated to charity shops usually the Weldmar Hospice Care Trust, Oxfam and the British Heart Foundation.

Let's Lunch

The lunch club is also popular with an average attendance of 40 plus each month. The Community Group Committee have decided this year to cap the number attending to 50, so that catering does not become onerous and quality can be maintained. Once again our hygiene rating is top notch at 5.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated band of volunteers who help out each month not only cooking the meal but getting the hall ready, laying tables, serving lunch, clearing away, washing-up, etc. Without their assistance we would not be able to function. Their help is much appreciated by both the committee and diners.

This year the Community Group has been able to make a donation of some of the new modern trestle tables to the village Hall. We have also provided a padded cover for the piano and last, but not least, a new kettle.

Jenny Beedle and Angie Talbot - May 2019