

PARISH PAPER ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The 2011 meeting was held at tea-time for a change and everyone was able to attend. Anne Lush was welcomed to the committee as she would be the liaison with the school and it was hoped to have more news of the school in the paper.

As usual, all members were thanked for their hard work during the year. The main concern of the committee was the sad state of the finances – the end of year balance was only £503, meaning there was just enough to pay for 3 months' printing before money from advertising started to come in.

After some discussion, it was agreed the Editor should remind people that donations were very important to maintaining the free parish paper to all households – something people new to the village might not realise. Sue had attended the recent Parish Council meeting to tell them of these problems, as a result of which they kindly agreed a grant of £150. There was also a kind donation from the Village Hall committee, plus several other donations. Sue had also approached the Coffee Morning, Pub Quiz and Tea & Cakes sessions to see whether they might be prepared to donate one month's worth of collection. Finally, the committee decided to slightly increase advertising prices again and to put envelopes for people to use for donations in the July issue of the paper so people would hopefully be able to drop them off in the new community shop. Liz and Emma would look at the financial situation in the autumn and an extra meeting called if necessary.

Liz asked that her position of Treasurer be advertised as she felt after over 10 years it was time for fresh blood, but would stay on until someone else was found.

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