

## **Hatley Village Association**

### **2018 / 2019 annual report**

The Association has had a difficult year. The number of committee members keeps steadily declining and these losses are not being replaced. The current committee comprises Mervyn Lack, John O'Sullivan, Sarah Titmus and Martin Ward. Thanks must also go to Peter Mann for designing and printing (free of charge) our event flyers and to him and Alan Pinney for distributing them in East Hatley (Peter) and Hatley St George.

In the last year we have fulfilled the following activities – raising nearly £2,500:

#### **2018**

- The Hatley Fête / 1<sup>st</sup> July – £ 695.65
- Bring and Buy / 21<sup>st</sup> October – £65.57
- Christmas Tea / 2<sup>nd</sup> December – £87.00
- New Year's Eve party / 31<sup>st</sup> December – £200.00
- Seven monthly Coffee Mornings – £315.00

#### **2019**

- Quiz Night / 2nd February 2019 – £536.00
- Pancake Race / 3<sup>rd</sup> March – £21.70
- Egg Hunt-Family Day / 21<sup>st</sup> April – £42.15
- Race Night / 10<sup>th</sup> May – £283.00
- Five monthly Coffee Mornings – £225.00

In all, the HVA has raised £2,471.07 over the last 12 months – the money is held by Hatley Parish Council for distribution to Hatley community projects. As of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019, there is a balance of £7,032.97 in its 'account'.

#### **Future of the HVA**

Of the eight events (plus the 12 monthly Coffee Mornings) organised during the year (including joint events with Hatley St George church), some were so poorly supported those helping to organise them have become disheartened and, in some cases, permanently withdrawn their support.

In late March, a flyer was circulated around the villages to try and encourage residents to take a greater interest in the HVA and its activities. However, as on previous occasions, this produced very little support.

This was very disappointing and there was a distinct possibility the HVA would cease to exist. However, the remaining committee members have decided to give it one final attempt to carry on, but in doing so, greatly curtail the activities of the HVA.

#### **Future activities**

The main event planned for the near future is the Hatley Fête on Sunday, 21st July from 1.00 to 4.00 pm on the playing field in Hatley St George.

For the foreseeable future we will be restricting our activities to the Fête, the Quiz Night, the Christmas Tea and the monthly coffee mornings.

This will result in a lesser generation of income to the Village Hall and associated good causes.

Should additional interest, and support, be forthcoming, the HVA would be able to reconsider seriously its position and future planned activities.

Mervyn Lack, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019