

## **Hatley Village Association**

### **2020 / 2021 annual report**

Although the village hall has been closed and no official functions have been carried out, it is hoped the 'traditional events' can get under way as soon as the hall is available and people are able to mingle again after such a long break.

Outdoor coffee mornings were held on the playing field in Hatley St George up until early October and, although sparsely attended, were welcomed by those who did attend. It is hoped to start these again from Tuesday, 4th May, as a prelude to moving back indoors and re-commencing the monthly coffee mornings.

It is probably too late to be thinking about arranging the Village Fête for this year – there is too much preparation involved, but we have to be thinking seriously about next year's event.

Hopefully by later in the year the hall will become accessible and we can organise the Christmas Tea in December and the annual Hatley Quiz at the beginning of 2022.

The last quiz (in February 2020) was not as well attended as in previous years; it takes a lot of work and effort to set it up, and may fall by the wayside. We hope not, but we have the perennial problem that insufficient villagers are prepared to assist in organising these social functions.

Maybe after this extended isolation villagers will be keener to get involved and re-ignite the social candle. Watch this space.

Other possible village events:

- Pancake race.
- Easter egg hunt and follow-up tea (in conjunction with the church).
- The re-introduction of guest speakers at the village hall.
- Possible music or food evenings.
- Race nights.
- Film nights
- Theatrical events.

All the above need support and voluntary help, otherwise they will falter and die, and the community spirit will be lost forever. Use it or lose it.

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