

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KIDMORE END PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

The Jubilee Pavilion and the Playing Fields continue to look in very good order. There has unfortunately been little use during the winter as hirers have still shied away from hiring the Pavilion with the fallout of the aftereffects of Covid. We continue to look for hirers and hiring opportunities. That being said we have had a 70's birthday party, a christening reception, a baby reveal party, a team bonding session and even a funeral and a wake, as well as a number of regular hirers for pilates, yoga and dancing on a weekly basis. It is now understood that walkers from Sonning Common will be meeting regularly using the Pavilion as their starting point.

However, the increasing costs of running the Pavilion are a concern with the rising cost of electricity and other maintenance. During the early part of 2021 the Pavilion was redecorated with a fresh coat of paint.

Preparations are underway to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with events being prepared by members of the Parish Council over the long weekend in June.

Beacons of the Past, an initiative from the Chilterns Conservation Board, will be installing a board at the Pavilion to indicate and to describe to visitors and walkers local sites of historical interest.

The 2021 cricket season had a delayed start due to Covid and only really started in June 2021. Friday evenings, when there is junior coaching, is proving a major local community success with parents, locals and relatives staying to watch the training and enjoying the opportunity to savour some local food preparations and a drink. The Kidmore End Cricket Club continue to be major partners in the use and maintenance of the Pavilion and Playing Fields.

There is an arrangement to hire out the Playing Fields to a local Junior football team during the football season and the floodlights are now in full working order to allow training in the winter evenings. The team is managed by members of the Parish.

There have been a number of incidents with members of the public playing golf on the Playing Fields which is in contravention of local bye-laws, people using metal detectors without permission and dog walkers who have not always kept their dogs on leads and 'tidied up' after their dogs despite numerous signs requesting them to do so.

We look forward to a rather more normal 2022 and to encourage greater use of the Pavilion by Parishioners. We continue to look for other opportunities and markets to hire out the Jubilee Pavilion and its facilities.

Iain Pearson

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