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## **Chairman’s Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

A warm welcome to all of you representing the many clubs and activities in the village. It’s always good to hear the reports of your activities and to have the opportunity to thank you all for your enthusiasm and dedication to making our village what it is.

Royal Wedding fever hit Manuden this week with the Village picnic in and around the church with Wedding themed baking and floral arrangements which was very well attended despite the inclement weather. Let’s hope it doesn’t rain on the royal couple at the weekend – I don’t think they’ll be having a ‘teddy tumble’ from the Round Tower, but you never know. Thanks to all those involved in the organisation of our event. In the churchyard, a tree was removed during year to give more prominence to the War Memorial which has been restored – and will be maintained by the Parish Council going forward.

So what else has the Parish Council been doing this year?

Our sub-committees have been very busy all year – the Playpark group is now the Scarecrow trail group and we look forward to a repeat of last year’s extremely successful event; Musical Mayhem (aka the Open Gardens team) is also enjoying meteoric success so well done to all those involved in the organisation.

The next Open Gardens event is on July 8th.

The Fun Run committee enjoyed another successful run raising over £2000.

These events take a considerable amount of time and energy from a number of people to organise and we are very grateful to all of them.

We also monitor the maintenance of footpaths around the village and keep an eye on trees which could potentially cause a problem. Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain ownership of the respective land so this is not always as straightforward as it may seem. Our thanks to the various land owners who have supported this during the year.

We take care of the grass cutting of our Parish owned areas and the Churchyard, keeping a balance between the cost and frequency of cuts. Our current contractors do a great job of keeping the village spaces looking tidy.

Thanks to all those who took part in the village clean up this year – the quantity of rubbish collected is always surprising for such a small village. Thanks to those who keep Manuden looking tidy. The constant issue of dog-poo continues despite the bins around the village and our repeated pleas to clean up after your dogs. Fly tipping has also become more of an issue this year and is unfortunately likely to increase – please be vigilant and report any fly-tipping as soon as you spot it.

Other issues which are frequently on our agenda are Gigaclear, potholes and drains; hopefully Gigaclear will finally arrive this year – they were one of our Fun Run sponsors. It’s good to see the resurfacing of the road between here and Hazel End about to be completed and thanks to those who have been reporting defective drains.

We managed to have the damaged drainage grill across the road at the north end of the village replaced in September with a superior quality grid which has come into its own during the various downpours since. However, we still have a way to go to get all the drains in the village working as they should.

We've seen lots of activity around the Uttlesford Draft Local Plan and are happy to note that development in Manuden is not included in the current plan.

We entered the Rural Community Council of Essex village of the year competition – and were awarded a Merit Certificate – runners up to Berden – so we are redoubling our efforts this year!

Speed watch continues – we're always looking for more volunteers to join the team so please speak to Charles if you're interested. We capture (on our spreadsheet!) a surprising number of offenders.

We have the possibility of welcoming some new children to the village through the Foundations Children and Family service who are looking to set up a home here. A presentation was made to the Council in September and the team are now awaiting Ofsted inspection so we are unsure as to whether or not it will go ahead.

MVCC has enjoyed another successful year hosting many events both inside and out. We look forward to some new benches as a result of various fund-raising activities – two are already in place ready for the cricket season courtesy of the success of Musical Mayhem and these are dedicated to Maggie Archer and Les Atkinson.

The village Christmas party organised jointly by the Parish Council and MVCC was enjoyed by many once again this year.

The mobile chip van on Tuesday evenings is proving successful and will hopefully continue once the initial trial period is over. The air ambulance clothing bank in the car park is also proving popular.

The Parish Council always has one eye on expenditure as you will see from the Financial report. We keep the precept as low as possible while continuing to support village activities and looking for best value for money. This year – as you may have read in the minutes - we almost went to court to protect just under £1000 of our village cash which was being claimed by the playpark contractors for an error they had made. They backed off in the end when we said we were prepared to go to Harrogate to defend our case.

Another legal matter which has occupied us in recent weeks is the General Data Protection Regulations and the need for a Data Protection officer to be appointed with all the ensuing admin and audit requirements.

We have breathed a sigh of relief that the government has seen sense on this and recently confirmed that Parish Councils will be exempt from needing a DPO – hopefully the decision will not be overturned by the House of Lords! We are however looking at our processes to ensure that we meet the regulations.

Finally, the Parish Council is sponsoring the distribution of a free issue of the Parish News this year to ensure that everyone in the village is informed of the various activities available and where to find information should they wish to join or just learn about what is happening around them.

I shall end by thanking our Clerk Charles for keeping us in order, to my fellow councillors for their tireless dedication to making things happen and patience when things don't move along quite as speedily as we would like - and to Ray and Janice our local and County Councillors for their continued support.

***Julie Kershaw***

## **Manuden Village Community Centre - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

Having been open for four years, the Centre has become an integral part of the village. It is the home for a wide range of clubs, classes and organisations. The multi-use games area remains popular, mainly for football, and is an important source of income.

It continues to be a popular venue for children's parties, wedding receptions, tribute concerts, parties and events such as the Scarecrow Trail base, the ever-popular singalong evenings and the Village Christmas party. More recent attractions include the VillageChippy, the clothing bank and a sports masseuse.

The finances of the MVCC are in good shape. We are grateful for donations from Musical Mayhem and the 100 Club which contributes to maintenance of the Centre, and delighted to receive four new benches, two of which commemorate special people, Les Atkinson and Maggie Archer.

We will be sorry to lose Chris Hannington this summer when he leaves the village. He has been an invaluable caretaker and will be very much missed.

A big thank you to Chris Bailey who has continued to manage the Centre with efficiency, commitment and hard work. Also, thank you to all the voluntary members of the Management Committee for their support.

**Barbara Cheney Chair of the Management Committee**

### **Manuden Primary School - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

*“Nurturing life skills and inspiring achievement for today and tomorrow”*

Our school continues to thrive under the Headship of Mrs Bratley. The collaboration with Chrishall goes from strength-to-strength; sharing best practice and saving £000's on resources and training. There have even been combined whole-school events.

The staff continue to embrace the changing face of education with passion and commitment. This year they have invested heavily in Growth Mindset, Cursive Handwriting and Maths Mastery to name but a few. They've professionally delivered these new initiatives; learning new skills and changing behaviours in addition to their, already extensive, existing workload.

Like schools across the country, our biggest challenge is the critical lack of teachers available to fill vacancies. Mrs Bratley and Mrs Tait (Deputy Head) are having to cover time in the classroom whilst still expertly juggling the mountain of management and administrative tasks required by the modern school environment. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.

The school boasts a significant cash surplus and a balanced budget plan. This is due to a healthy pupil intake, excellent day-to-day cost control and efficiencies, an enthusiastic and effective PTFA and a generous and engaged community.

Interested in being a governor of such a great little school?

**Contact: John Oglesby Chair of Governors**

### **Owlets Playgroup - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

Owlets has enjoyed another busy year. Our numbers remain high and we have welcomed some new faces into the group. Emma continues to be heavily involved in the behind the scenes activities, running our Facebook page and making sure we have all our paperwork and activities in place. Leni and Nerys run the sessions between them with the help of Sheila, who continues to make sure both children and adults remain well fed and watered! Hanna and Charlotte have also become essential unofficial members of the team, helping with set-up, clear-up and general co-ordination duties. Leni and Nerys remain grateful to all those who pitch in given that we both had babies last spring.

Our activities have remained varied and we have welcomed our usual outsiders including Flamingo Cards, Crazy Pottery and Usborne Books. The children have indulged in a vast array of craft and physical activities alongside the usual free play. This year we even managed a successful bread-making session!

We have continued to receive donations from local groups and have done small bits of self-fundraising. We are about to purchase some much-needed new equipment to replenish the toys and replace some of our older kit. Many thanks to all those that continue to attend our sessions and make it such a welcoming place for carers and children alike.

**Leni, Emma and Nerys (Owlets Team)**

## Manuden Guides - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

At the moment, our unit is small and we are actively trying to find some more girls, aged 10-14, to join us: so please spread the word!

We do a wide range of activities, mostly chosen by the girls, including sports, cooking, hiking, games and visits. Recent ones have been to see Legally Blonde at the Rhodes Centre, and the Peter Rabbit film at the cinema in Bishop's Stortford.

We have been canoeing at Redricks Lake in Sawbridgeworth, and to the Big Gig, a pop concert at Wembley, exclusively for members of Girlguiding. Some of us joined with some of the Brownies for a holiday at Chigwell Row, where we took part in a range of activities such as water zorbing, climbing and archery.

Two of our girls, Olivia Howells and Hannah Birnie, have been given Jack Petchey Awards, recognising their commitment to and involvement with Girlguiding activities. These will be presented at a ceremony at the Queens Theatre, Hornchurch in June: we are very proud of their achievement.

We would like to record our thanks to the Fun Run Committee for their generous contribution to our funds, enabling us to provide the girls with a wide range of experiences.

**Glynis Prothero**

## Manuden Brownies - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

The Brownie unit is thriving and is currently full.

We have had a lovely year with an enthusiastic group of Brownies who are full of ideas for activities they would like to do. Our new leader is no longer new, having almost completed her training.

We loved our holiday at Chigwell Row in August, taking part in many activities such as climbing, pedal go-karts, grass sledging as well as games, crafts and gaining badges.

We enjoyed entertaining our parents with a display of circus skills, and at Christmas, along with the Guides, inviting our families to join in singing carols, playing games and eating mince pies. We asked a local Brownie unit to come and celebrate Thinking Day with us, thinking about Brownies and Guides around the world.

We made a scarecrow representing Joseph and his technicoloured dream-coat for the Scarecrow Trail, and went pond-dipping in Hatfield Forest. We are now busy practising some country dances to perform at the Village Picnic.

The Brownies, too, would like to thank the Fun Run Committee for their generous donation which meant we didn't have to worry about paying the bills!

**Glynis Prothero**

## St Mary's Church, Manuden - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

We continue to hold four services per month in the parish church including Messy Church for families led by Glynis Prothero and her team. We held special services in Lent, at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The school came into church for their Easter service but icy conditions meant that their Christmas service was held in the school hall.

Mums and Chums continues to thrive and is a good way for new families to the village to make friends.

Manuden Singers held three concerts in the church in 2017. These are all in aid of a charity.

The Bible study group continues to meet with some excellent discussions.

The Village Picnic was a new idea last year and proved very successful. We raised about £1500 with some donations so a really great day.

A big problem is the roof. A visible sign of this is the large 'patch' on the ceiling by the lectern. A sub-committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Matthew Hardy to organise repairs.

The Vicars' Roll Board is now up and includes Revd Canon Chris Bishop.

Pat Pratley and her team are making more kneelers to honour people and places in the village.

Notices to dog owners are now up asking them to keep their pets on a lead as we have had a problem with dog mess.

The History Society has organised the cutting down of the large tree by the War Memorial and having the memorial cleaned and renovated for the hundredth anniversary of the end of WW1.

We thank the Parish Council which continues to finance most of the grass cutting in the churchyard. Both graveyards are looking very tidy and this is also thanks to the Community service workers.

***Margaret Davis - Vicar***

### **Bell Ringers - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Tuesday evening practise sessions continue to be well attended, attracting ringers from a wide surrounding area. The popularity of these practice evenings is a combination of the high quality of our bells and the experienced ringers who attend, which enables ringers of all levels to develop their skills. The excellent guidance and support available provides an ideal forum for prospective ringers.

I concluded my report last year with a plea for at least two more Manuden parishioners to learn to ring and I am pleased to say that we have achieved that target. They are making significant progress. However, we still need more parishioners to learn to ring the bells, or to return to bell ringing. Particularly this year. During the First World War 1400 bell ringers died and a national target has been set to recruit 1400 new bell ringers to be part of a nationwide moment by ringing on the centenary of Armistice on 11 November 2018.

If you would like to learn to ring church bells, or want more information, please contact the Tower Captain, Ken Pratley, on 01279 814466 or e-mail kenofman@btinternet.com

***Ken Pratley , Tower Captain***

### **The Friendship Club - Report to the Annual Parish Meeting May 2018**

The Club currently has 18 members, aged mostly in their 70s and 80s. During the past year, we have celebrated four 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays and one 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We enjoy one another's company at our monthly meetings in the Club Room at the MVCC, on every third Tuesday of the month, from 2.30 to 4pm.

We also held other activities, such as Tea parties in members' houses, and Pub lunches, including our Christmas Lunch. We have also visited shows at the Rhodes Centre, and supported local events such as the Manuden Fun Run and Manuden Village Picnic.

We are now financially stable: our warmest thanks to the Fun Run Committee, the Musical Mayhem Committee, the UDC Grants Committee, and two anonymous persons, all for their generous cheques.

Anyone interested in joining the Club is invited to come as a guest to try it out, but please phone me first, on 01279 814145.

***Bill Prothero Chairman***

### **Manuden Singers and Players– Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

2017-18 has been as busy and challenging as ever for the Manuden Singers. Despite pouring rain the 16<sup>th</sup> 'Village Glyndebourne' picnic concert went ahead in the Church with, appropriately, a performance of 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo'! Also selections from the Shows and Lloyd Webber's 'Love changes Everything' & 'Phantom of the Opera'. We were joined by the excellent Corona Brass Ensemble, who provided a wide variety of arrangements of well-known pieces from the classical and popular repertoires. In early December the Manuden Players and Soloists performed Handel's anthem 'O praise the Lord' and Haydn's Mass for St Nicholas. The poor state of the church roof was all too visible on both occasions, and proceeds from both concerts were donated to the Roof Fund to help with repairs.

In April our Spring Concert, again with Players and Soloists, appropriately combined a Royal Wedding Anthem by Handel with Bach's magnificent but little known Easter Oratorio. The latter featured extended



and demanding oboe and flute solos (flute played by Manuden's Roy James-Pike) accompanying equally challenging alto and tenor arias, and a glorious final chorus celebrating the risen Christ; while James Priest took on both counter-tenor and bass arias in the Handel – quite a vocal challenge! The concert enabled us to donate £2230 to the Herts & Essex (Ware) Samaritans, bringing our total fundraising over the years up to some £55,000.

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July we shall sing Choral Evensong at 6pm in Manuden Church.

Our numbers have remained steady at about 30 members but we are always keen to hear from people who would like to join us: many new young families have settled in Manuden in recent years and we would love to hear from you. No auditions: just enthusiasm and a willingness to participate and learn. Ring Ian Priest, 01279 647050. Thank you to the whole community for your loyal support for our music-making over this and previous years, and we hope also in the future.

***Ian Priest. Director of the Manuden Singers***

### **Manuden Junior FC – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

Our minis, the 5 to 8 years old are still enjoying their football every Sunday morning on the Manuden astro turf. The Under 9s have had a 10 game winning streak and are being placed in the top division as one of the strongest teams in the county.

The Under 10s have had a fantastic season playing in the top division at their age group. After a slow start the second half of the season saw them embark on a great cup run reaching the quarter finals where after a thrilling 3-3 draw at normal time and then 5-5 after extra time we lost on penalties but were clapped off the pitch as heroes.

I am immensely proud of what these two age groups have achieved this last season.

My thanks go to all our coaches for their sterling hard work and to the committee for their dedication.

***Vaughan Atkinson - Chairman***

### **Manuden United FC – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

This season has seen some mixed results. Firstly, I have to report that our Reserve Team had to fold due to lack of players, unfortunately this has been the trend in the North West Essex League with three other Clubs also folding. The first team has struggled to get players on some Sundays but we have muddled through. We have suffered a few injuries and also the fact that a number of the players wags were pregnant, the babies have all been born and all the weddings taken place.

Unfortunately we haven't brought any Silverware back to Manuden this season, but when the League Tables were finalised on Monday 14th May, we finished runners up in the Premier League.

We will re-group and hopefully come back stronger next Season.

I would like to say thank you to all the team, to our Captain James Blackaby, Mark Roache and last but by no means least our Head Coach, Chris Rowe.

2019 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of football in Manuden and the clubs hope to hold an event to commemorate this - it has not been decided quite what yet but watch this space as they say.

***Vaughan Atkinson - Chairman***

### **Manuden Golf Society – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Society is open to golfers with a connection to Manuden and in the 2017 Season 32 members (16 ladies and 16 men) played in one or more of the 5 golf events.

In 2017 the 3 individual stableford competitions were won by Alan Stoyell (Gog Magog GC), Errol Seryck (Toot Hill GC) and Jeff Attfield ( East Herts GC). At each supper there were prizes for the overall winner and for best score by a lady and by a man. The Reed Trophy for the best 2 combined scores was jointly won by

Errol Seryck and Frank Bengtsen. The other 2 competitions were against Quendon & Rickling and the Christmas Cracker held at Saffron Walden.

The last event of the year was the Christmas Party and AGM, held at The Bury, with many thanks to Fiona and Frank Bengtsen. The first tee time for all the matches is 1 pm, followed by supper and prize giving and where guests and non-playing partners are welcome.

The major event of 2017 was the Society's first Tour. 20 of us went to the excellent Lake Hotel in Killarney, which was a well-chosen location for golfers and non-golfers and the all-important après golf! We played at Killeen, Dooks and Beaufort. The organisation and success of the tour was down to former Manuden residents, Phil and Steve Lawrence, to whom we owe much thanks.

We have already played at Gog Magog and the remaining fixtures are Toot Hill, Wednesday 6 June; match v Quendon & Rickling, Monday 16 July; East Herts, Wednesday 16 July; Christmas Cracker, Thursday 6 December and AGM and Christmas Party, 7 December.

For more information about the Society please contact Jeff Attfield at [jeff@maggotts.co.uk](mailto:jeff@maggotts.co.uk) or 812701

***Jeff Attfield***

### **Manuden WI Committee Report June 2016 – May 2017**

Manuden WI was founded in 1919 and we have 44 members, with several new and returning members attending this year.

Throughout the year we have had some interesting speakers and demonstrators; one of our favourites was our own Karen Adams, who demonstrated the techniques she uses to put together her art work.

The July Garden Meeting was again held at Cobbs by kind invitation of Nikki Atkinson, where we enjoyed croquet, boules and a cream tea in her beautiful garden.

We have a wealth of craft expertise in our WI; several of our members have crafting skills such as patchwork, beading, upholstery, knitting, crochet and embroidery.

In December, our Carol singing raised £265 for the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Our Ramblers, Craft and Book groups are still popular and we have introduced 2 new clubs this year, Cookery and Gardening. We have a Facebook page which gives details of our planned events and regular groups.

Our fundraising efforts have included running a stall at the Manuden Church Picnic as well as helping out with the Scarecrow Trail and the charity lunch for Isabel Hospice.

We had several outings this year, including punting and a theatre trip to see Sister Act at the Rhodes Centre. Our annual walking trip is still very popular and is now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year.

We attended Group Meetings at Berden Village Hall and Thaxted Church, where we met our newly-elected MP, Kemi Badenoch.

Both Essex Federation of Women's Institutes and Denman College hold many classes and demonstrations. One of our members, Pat Pratley, is the Denman Ambassador.

Our Committee for 2018/19 has been elected and our President, Susan Preston, and Secretary and Treasurer are continuing in their roles.

***Jane Treadern, Secretary***

### **Footpaths – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

We are lucky that the Manuden footpaths continue to be in good order and are drying out nicely after a very wet winter! There have been no reports of problems from the general public. A few overhanging branches and blockages by fallen trees have been dealt with fairly swiftly.

The farmers and landowners continue to ensure that the footpaths are passable and for this we are very grateful.

Essex County Council are cutting budgets again and for this reason, we have been informed that they are not replacing fallen or rotten footpath signposts.



The Battlement Trust and the Parish Council are keen to keep as many footpath signposts as possible. Between us, we hope to replace any lost or damaged ones as and when they are noticed, so please report any issues to me.

Many thanks,

***Katrina Hardy May 2018***

### **Manuden & Berden History Society – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

September 2017 : Talk in Berden, on Berden graves, researched by Jenny Arnell cancelled, due to speaker illness. Rescheduled 2018.

October - major event connected with HLF World War 1 Project. MVCC used for talks on finding WW1 Ancestors. Two Essex Record Office staff, taught students how to research their soldier ancestors. Banner, attached outside Community Centre advertised this event. Very popular with the students.

October - a Field Walk in Berden lead by Richard Gibson. Productive site with lots of interesting finds

November, continuing World War 1 theme. Talk on WW1 War Graves here and abroad. Bob Pike from Saffron Walden, an expert on WW1.

December - planned visit to Saffron Walden Museum cancelled, due to cuts, Museum short staffed.

2017/18 was plagued with problems with speakers' illnesses etc.

Finds Washing in January cancelled due to Finds Specialist's illness. Re-scheduled June.

March - 'Life in 18th century Saffron Walden with Hilary Walker

April - WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Our version.

Janice Sharpe, of Saffron Walden Family History Society, helped with Genealogy problems. An illuminating meeting for genealogists. This WW1 class, was free to members. HLF paid.

May - History Walks around the Village for new residents, proceeds to Church Roof Fund. Advertised at Village Picnic, and in June Parish Magazine.

Next meeting September .

ADVANCE NOTICE – WW1 EXHIBITION IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN NOVEMBER 2018.

***Fiona Bengtsen***

### **Manuden Open Gardens – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

Manuden Open Gardens has become a popular biannual event and this year's is set for the 8th of July 2018.

We ask villagers to open their gardens whether large or small, formal or cottage style. You can buy a ticket that gives you entry to all the gardens. This has proved very popular and we have visitors from all over!

Comments on the lovely gardens from the visitors included some who didn't even have a garden of their own. They were most appreciative of the fact that the gardeners were kind enough to share theirs! We also have a display from the Bishop's Stortford bee keepers as well as a local art display and naturally great teas and refreshments! Funds are raised in aid of the village organisations. The last event raised over £1740 profit.

***Richard Dale-Cooke***

### **Manuden Musical Mayhem – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Open Gardens Committee decided to try a different sort of activity in the year when we don't open the gardens and so we started Manuden Musical Mayhem to organise "Singalong-a-Musical" events in the Community Centre.

We have been overwhelmed with how popular these events are! So far we have had four events the last two being Mamma Mia and Oliver! Profits go to the charity Pancreatic Cancer UK and we have brought two benches for the M.V.C.C. In total we have made nearly £5000! The idea for those of you who haven't attended it involves the audience entering into the fun of the evening by collecting a goody bag containing inexpensive items! This is to enhance the viewing pleasure of watching a film on the big screen as well as

singing along! The evenings have proved a sell out and in fact are so popular we have had to limit the numbers of tickets sold! We have booked the M.V.C.C for twice a year until 2020! The next scheduled event is "Sing-a-long Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! on 13th October 2018 -Tickets on sale Now! book early!

**Richard Dale-Cooke**

### **Manuden Men's Dining Club – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Manuden Men's Dining Club has continued its programme of events during the past year. For a change of scene in April 2017, we went to the Cricketers in Rickling Green and again had a most enjoyable evening. In February 2018, we had an excellent evening at Linden House in Stansted. The Dining Club provides an opportunity for Manuden male residents to meet for an evening of food and wine. We normally meet three times a year in different surroundings and would warmly welcome new members.

My thanks to Matthew Hardy for his help in organising the events.

**Peter Heap**

**Willowbeech82@btinternet.com**

### **Manuden Cricket Club – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

In 2017 Manuden Cricket Club enjoyed what was almost certainly its best season since the club was revived 15-plus years ago, winning eight out of ten matches. We also held a very enjoyable T20 day in mid-September against opposition from Arkesden and the Archer XI, even if the weather was inclement. During the season nearly 30 players aged 13 and upwards took the field for the club, the vast majority of whom live or have lived in the village at some stage. Importantly we maintained our tradition of having the best teas in the area. We have 11 fixtures and two fundraising days in the diary for 2018. The MVCC is a great place to play village cricket against friendly opposition. We welcome new members, young (13+) and old, so come and join us!

**Phil Hault**

### **Manuden 10K – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

We had a very successful year with the Manuden Fun Run last year, making a record amount for charity (in excess of £2,600) mainly due to the generosity of our sponsors, enable financial planners, Gigaclear, Pellys, Harlow Garden Centre and Koru strength and fitness.

We were able to donate to Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of Maggie Archer, St Marys Church to help with roof repairs and other village organisations including the WI, the Brownies, the Guides, the Friendship Club, the Cricket Club and the school. Many thanks to all our supporters and helpers.

The run will take place this year on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018, starting at 11am. As always, there will be 10k, 5k and 1k runs and entries are now open at: [www.manuden.org.uk/funrun.asp](http://www.manuden.org.uk/funrun.asp).

To carry on making this event the success it has become over the last decade we need sponsors for 2018, so if you are able to help us, or know anyone who might be interested, please get in touch at [funrun@manuden.org.uk](mailto:funrun@manuden.org.uk). We need £1,000 to put on the run, so either need one big sponsor or several smaller ones. Sponsors get coverage on all our publicity materials, including flyers and emails which are sent to all past runners, local gyms, local running clubs, schools etc. They also feature on our website for the whole year.

We are also keen to attract a few more individuals to help out on the day – please let us know if you are able to help with setting up, clearing away, registration or marshalling by emailing

[funrun@manuden.org.uk](mailto:funrun@manuden.org.uk)

**Pauline Burnard**

## **Badminton Club – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Wednesday night badminton club “celebrated” it’s 3 years anniversary in March this year....mainly by playing badminton, it has to be said! We are a club of about 12 members now and have seen several newcomers join us over the year, with the likes of Mark Barrow, Paul Adams, Neville Mclean and Mark Emerson very welcome newbees. Thankfully not all of us attend each session (it would be a squeeze on one court!) but we usually see a good turnout and enjoy a number of games of mixed doubles over the 90 minutes we now play for.

We decided to push the boat out in November 2017 and ventured to the Yew Tree for a curry and drinks “social” which was well attended and much enjoyed; it was a great chance to have a proper chat and catch-up with those we play with week-in, week-out, as we are often too busy with keeping score on court to have time for more in-depth discussions! A really nice evening we will probably look to repeat this year. As ever, we are always open to new members, so do come along and have a go if you are keen. It’s a great way to burn off some calories, relieve stress and boost your mood

***Adam Wilder***

## **Short Mat Bowls Club – Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Manuden Short Mat Bowls Group has had another successful year. Our regular Tuesday morning playing sessions are always well attended with four teams playing on two mats. A smaller group plays on Friday evenings whenever the MVCC hall is available.

In May the Club participated in the church flower displays for the 2017 Church Picnic and our exhibit received many positive comments. In August a group of club members and friends enjoyed a coach outing to Sheringham.

Our first AGM was held in September and the committee was officially re-elected. It was agreed that we would introduce a small annual membership fee to provide the club with a modest operating fund as all playing fees are paid to MVCC for hall hire. We currently have 21 paid up club members.

We have arranged several pub lunches throughout the year and after the last bowls session in December a Christmas buffet lunch was held in the Club Room with entertainment provided by Chris Bishop.

## **Manuden Community Speed Watch Group**

We are very grateful to the members of the group who have so willingly given up their time for the benefit of our village this year. Most of our group members are very busy people and often find it difficult to find any spare time, yet somehow they manage to fit in their monitoring sessions.

No one likes to be caught speeding yet just about all of us do it, albeit some much more frequently than others, however when those yellow jackets appear in the village we are all just a little more careful and that is thanks to those volunteers.

It is not easy to record the details, read the number plate and get the make, model and colour of the offending vehicle so we need at least 3 volunteers for each session .... We aim to have one session every two weeks so you can see the amount of time being taken. The results are then sent to Essex police who check the accuracy and issue letters to the offenders where necessary.

If anyone wishes to join the group then please contact the parish clerk at [valchazbartram@yahoo.com](mailto:valchazbartram@yahoo.com) who will find out the details of the next available course in our area.

***Charles Bartram***

## **Manuden Scarecrow Trail**

The Manuden Scarecrow Trail was held for the third time in June 2017 and raised just over £5000. It proved very popular yet again with 725 trail maps being sold. Funds raised were used to put gates by the container

and an extra picnic table in the play area as well as donations to the MVCC, Manuden Brownies and Guides, Owlets and The Church Roof Fund.

Lizzie McLean sadly decided to step down as chair of the committee but the group has continued and the fourth Manuden Scarecrow trail will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 with the theme being 'Sports and Hobbies.

**Hanna Barraclough**

## **District Councillor's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting**

The Council continues to work towards producing the **Local Plan**. The Regulation 18, formal consultation, which took place last year, generated nearly 6,000 representations from over 2,000 individuals and organisations. These raised a number of significant issues that need to be addressed. An update on evidence is being used to shape Officers' final recommendations before the formal consultation later this year. The vote to take the plan forward (or not) to Regulation 19 will take place at full council on June 19<sup>th</sup> this year.

Officers will propose recommendations for the Local Plan at a series of meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group, Cabinet and Full Council. The start of the hearing sessions for public examination will be in this winter. The Inspector's report should be available in the summer of 2019 and, hopefully, the Regulation 25 Adoption of the Plan will be in the autumn of 2019. All meetings of the Planning Policy Working Group are open to the public and recordings of the meetings are available on the Council's website. All information on the Local Plan and the Council's preferred options is available on Uttlesford's website.

This year the District's **Council Tax** was increased by 2.99%. A band D property will pay £98.14 per annum, a rise of £2.85 per year. Note that the District collects Essex County rates and the essential services such as the Police and Fire Service and it does not set their rates.

The **New Homes Bonus** scheme has been subject to consultation following the Government's announcement last year to reduce the funding from £1.5 billion to £900million. The scheme has now moved to 4 year legacy payments and remains at 4%.

**Stansted Airport** submitted its planning application: **UTT/18/0460/FUL** – Airfield works comprising 2 new taxiway links to the existing runway and additional remote aircraft stands to enable combined airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and a throughput of 43 million terminal passengers per year. The Council has put together a page on its website – [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/airportapplication](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/airportapplication) to provide access to a summary of the application details. The application is due to go to the Planning Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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**Janice Loughlin.**

## **Appendix – Financial Report**

See below:-

# MANUDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st. March 2018

		£	£
<b>Opening balance c/f 31/03/17</b>			<b>6,842.28</b>
<b>Receipts year ended 31/03/18</b>			<b>22,270.42</b>
Precept	£	8,760.00	
LCTS Grant	£	114.00	
VAT reclaimed	£	7,954.77	
Manuden Church donation grass cutting	£	600.00	
New Homes Bonus	£	500.00	
	£	-	
<b>Loans and donations from Parish Council Sub Committees</b>			
Play Park Sub Committee	£	1,628.91	
Play Park Sub Committee	£	932.70	
Manuden Fun Run (repayment of invoices paid)	£	825.89	
Musical Mayhem	£	250.00	
Open Gardens	£	703.00	
Bank Interest	£	1.15	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>22,270.42</b>	
			<b>£ 29,112.70</b>
<b>Payments year ended 31/03/18</b>			
<b>Administration Expenses</b>			
Insurance	£	330.40	
Grass Cutting Carter's Hill & Play Area	£	800.00	
Audit	£	300.00	
UDC C/A Green Waste Skip	£	1,188.00	
Village Christmas Party	£	547.40	
Playground Inspection	£	94.50	
Transfer to petty Cash	£	150.00	
Manuden Church grass cutting	£	2,700.00	
Varnishing benches and noticeboard	£	25.00	
APM refreshments	£	25.88	
Village Picnic flower display	£	36.00	
Web Hosting	£	60.00	
<b>Affiliation Fees</b>			
Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC)	£	200.05	
Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)	£	36.00	
Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE)	£	60.50	
Friends of Historic Essex	£	12.00	
<b>Payments on behalf of Parish Council Sub Committees</b>			
Benches (Play Park committee)	£	703.00	
Musical Mayhem	£	250.00	
Village Green Waste Bin	£	375.00	
Manuden Fun Run	£	825.89	
D Honour & Sons (Play Park)	£	2,211.61	
NBB Recycled furniture (Play Park)	£	915.00	
<b>EALC Training</b>			
<b>War Memorial</b>	£	550.00	
<b>Clerk's Salary</b>			
C Bartram	£	2,800.00	
HMSC PAYE	£	700.00	

**Donations**

Air Ambulance £ 300.00

**VAT PAID this financial year** £ 1,820.21

**Total Payments** £ 18,016.44

**Balance at 31/03/18** £ 11,096.26

**Bank Reconciliation 31st March 2018****Lloyds TSB**

**Treasurer's Account** £ 8,806.54

**Business Account** £ 2,289.72

**Closing Balance** £ 11,096.26