

KINGS SUTTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION REPORT **2017-18**

AWARENESS

Many villagers are not aware of the playing fields and that they are an integral part of the village despite being on the outskirts. They were donated to the village in 1964. Villagers are welcome to use the field but we would ask that anyone playing football respects the pitches and does not play in the main goal mouths or on the cricket pitch. Dog owners are asked to remove their dog mess and take it home or we will have to ban dogs from the field.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Local groups, the school and the pre-school were all invited to join with us at our AGM to discuss making best use of our facilities, but unfortunately the turnout this year was again disappointing. Many thanks to Brownies, WI and Lark for coming along and for their input.

As there were no volunteers for the committee the old committee will continue with Phil Addison as Chairman and Terri Fielder as Treasurer. We thanked Dave Bridson and wished him well in his move. We are now eagerly awaiting a new representative from Parish Council to our committee.

FINANCE: The Playing Fields have still been struggling to pay the outstanding Water bill from previous years. We have now made the final payment off the arrears and should be able to get more financial stability.

Fund raising:

Fete: £1109

Fireworks : £2782

Bingo: £500

Race Night: £627

REFURBISHMENT:

When the new houses were built in the village funds were allocated via the Parish Council for use by the village. The Playing Fields benefitted from this and we are pleased to say that 50 years after it was built the pavilion has been given a face lift, with new toilets, windows, patio and an uplift in the main room. This will enable better use of the facilities by all parties involved. Many thanks to Daniel Boys Bathroom Installations for the many hours and hard work he invested in getting this to such a high standard.

SECURITY: over the Easter weekend the unwelcome visitors we had last year seem to have returned with the lighter nights. Last year the showers were broken in to, the umpires room vandalized, a fire on the grass and some sort of vehicle doing off-roading on the pitches. In the recent event we have had a fence broken, the newly planted trees ripped up and paint strewn around and daubed on the grass and pavilion wall. We are now looking at fund raising to install CCTV so that the culprits, if not prevented can at least be identified.

MOWER: After being granted funds the Cricket Club and Playing Fields Association have now purchased a refurbished mower.

FUNDRAISING:

Easter Family Disco 2017: The family disco and Easter bonnet competition last year was very poorly attended which resulted in great fun being had by the children who came and they left with a great many easter eggs. We were advised afterwards that people didn't know about this despite fliers being given out at school and it being posted on Facebook, in shops and on poles and lamp posts.

FETE: Summer Madness fete last year was well attended despite being the same day as church fete. Many thanks to stall holders and those that took part. This year is **50 years** since the pavilion was opened and we are using the fete on **7th July 2018** to celebrate the anniversary. Village organizations are asked to put up teams for Aunt Sally, Tug of War and individuals are invited to take part in other sporting events.

Anyone who would like a stall or to participate or assist in the fete should call Terri Fielder on 07795515891

FIREWORKS: Fireworks again were a great success, and despite the annual cost of the display increasing we were still able to make a profit on the event overall of £2782. The one problem we are experiencing is with the increase in footfall and cars there is a bottleneck on the Charlton road and the police advised us to liase with them this year to get temporary traffic diversions in place.

Fireworks this year Sunday November 4th

RACE NIGHT: A successful racenight was held at the Butchers Arms in October thanks to Helen Loggin for all her hard work. A sum of £627 was raised in total. We are holding another one on **20th April.**

BINGO: the Playing Fields Association are pleased to continue the monthly bingo sessions in the memorial hall. Dates for this to be notified on facebook and noticeboards.