

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT -----PETER HAZELL 2017/2018

The Council has had 1 resignation this year and a successful co-option. We also have a new clerk who has settled in well.

RAF Upwood has appeared as a regular agenda item. There has been no action regarding building, but the police have been called out on many occasions due to people trespassing.

The police have reported a number of attempted and actual break-ins and burglaries including thefts from cars and vans; an attempted computer fraud and a couple of road traffic accidents (no serious injuries).

Speeding traffic continues to be a problem especially on the B1040 and Upwood Road. Speedwatch is up and running ,but more volunteers are needed.The Parish Council is hoping to install some different speed warning signs and to this end is working with Community Road Watch.

It is unfortunate to have to report that vandalism is still a problem,particularly on the large playing field with regard to the matting under the new shelter.Litter is also on the increase as is dog fouling,although owners appear to be removing the offending deposits.

It's not all doom and gloom. The circus visited again in the late Spring and wants to return next year. The outdoor adult gym equipment was installed in the Summer and officially opened ,in the rain, by our MP Shailesh Vara.The Christmas lights were once again the highlight of the year with an estimated turnout of over 300. My thanks go to all those involved before,during and after the switch-on and especially to Bury Stores for providing marvellous refreshments once again.

The cemetery has had what I will respectfully call a make-over.A new fence has been installed, the extension is to be seeded when the weather is right,and the Garden of Remembrance is to be completely re-designed.

Having mentioned at the beginning that we have a new clerk,I would like to thank Charlotte Copley for taking over the role in the Summer,and also my thanks to all Councillors for the work they have done throughout the year.

Report from Ramsey Abbey WI to Bury Parish Council

March 2018

Abbey W.I. has continued to meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month (except May when the hall is used as a polling station) from 2:00 to 4:00 and has kept its members to 39. In 2017 it was involved in the village hall open day in April; fund raising by raffling a hamper and selling homemade produce at the Thomas à Becket fête in June and joined in the NAFAS initiative of leaving small bouquets in various places in Bury, aimed at bringing a smile to the unknown recipient. Abbey sponsors the training of a dog as part of Dogs for Good with members donating a small amount monthly. Members have knitted fish in answer to the Ramsey Methodist church's plea, the fish needed to accompany its display of a knitted bible. They are currently knitting Poppies for the library's proposed "poppy bomb" to celebrate the centenary of the end of the First World War and little red hats for babies in SCBU Hinchingsbrooke. We have been involved in the collection of toiletries made into emergency bags for carers accompanying dementia patients when hospitalised.

We laid a wreath at the Remembrance service, organised a trip to London to see the show "Girls" based on Calendar Girls, had a visit to Horseshoe Farm Somersham's wonderful gardens and held our annual August cream tea supported by ladies from neighbouring W.Is. which this year had "A day at the seaside" theme. Bury village hall had its own sand, deckchairs, buckets & spades with members making a picture postcard!!

In reaching out to the community, especially those who could be lonely, Abbey held an afternoon tea on a Saturday with proceeds donated to the Alzheimer's society. All this is as well as each month a meeting with a wide variety of speakers, coffee mornings, lunch book and craft clubs as well as tea and chat in a member's home. Christmas lunch was once again held at the golf club and as 2018 is the centenary year of Huntingdon & Peterborough federation to which Abbey belongs we are very involved in the celebrations including making a small mosaic as part of a Federation masterpiece and a special commemorative cloth.

Abbey W.I. is thriving but always needs new members so our activities are regularly documented in the local press.

Karen Prestage

President Ramsey Abbey WI

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6th February 2018

Mrs Fiona Boyle
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Dear Mrs Boyle

**Cubs, Beavers and Scout Groups
Bury Parish Council Open Meeting**

The Annual Open Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 7th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

As you are no doubt aware it is the custom of the Parish Council to ask representatives of known Village organisations to submit a report of their activities during the past year and therefore I should like to invite you to the meeting to present such a report. If you are unable to attend but would like me to read out your report please submit it to me at the above address by 25th February or e-mail it to me at the address shown in the heading.

All reports will be included in the Parish Minute book and thus will provide a permanent record for the Village for future generations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

C. Copley
Parish Clerk

Judo Club

Members of Ramsey Judo Committee have been surprised [no offence] by the progress made in such a short time by all concerned . We were apprehensive after all the negative comments made , but it has proved the opposite .

The venue is now clean , the store is likewise , and member's of the committee are easy to contact .Very well done , it couldn't have been easy .Kind regards Graham from Ramsey Judo Club .

Report from the Bury Residents Charity to Bury Parish Council

March 2018

Our primary purpose is the management of Bury village hall and last April we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of the hall which, unfortunately, was followed by the resignation of most of the committee in July. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the previous committee chaired by John Rignall. They have ensured a stable financial footing which safeguards the future of the village hall.

The committee has been re-constituted resulting from the positive response of our villagers and now comprises 9 trustees. We have spent the last 8 months reviewing all aspects of the management of the hall to ensure that it is fit and proper to current standards. This has meant we have had to make some changes which we hope enhance the experience of the hall for all users. We have installed CCTV around the hall, updated both the security and fire alarm systems and recently changed the locks on the 2 entrance doors. We are currently investigating an on-line booking system and web-site.

Our progress will be measured in April when we hope to be awarded Hallmark 1. This is the first level of a nationally recognised quality standard scheme for village halls and is overseen by Cambridgeshire ACRE. We would then anticipate being able to progress to levels 2 and 3 before the end of this year.

We have a significant number of regular weekly users to whom we are grateful for their continuing commitment – Bury Playgroup, Judo, Beavers & Cubs, Carpet Bowls, Bridge, Table tennis and the Concert band. Added to these are our regular monthly users – the Parish Council, Abbey W.I., Ramsey senior citizens and Hunts Society for the Blind. We also have a variety of occasional users at the weekend putting on parties, for all ages, quizzes etc.

The steady income from our regular users allows us to plan with confidence future developments. The kitchen was refurbished last year, and we are now looking to update the toilet facilities, evaluate the suitability of the flooring and the chairs. We have also undertaken a complete review of the storage facilities in the hall and the arrangements with our regular users and expect to have storage space available should the Parish Council require.

The highlight of Christmas was the “Greatest story ever told” – a sell out produced by a very enthusiastic team which saw our stage used for its original purpose for the first time in a long time.

Just to get here has been a team effort and my thanks go to Pat, David, Karen, Becky, Trudy, Jo, Thusy and Chris: with a special thanks to Jacquie our cleaner and Lisa at Cambridgeshire ACRE.

Bury Carpet Bowls

Many thanks for your continuing interest in Bury Carpet Bowls. We meet on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons. At the moment we have 39 members.

2 or 3 teams go to Littleport monthly to play in an over sixties competition and we run in house competitions throughout the year. Once a year we have a Memorial Day ,the proceeds of the raffle going to the Woodlands Centre with the money raised at Christmas in lieu of Christmas cards. Yours sincerely Mary Dockerty (Treasurer)

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8th February 2018
Bury Parish Clerk

Dear C Copely,

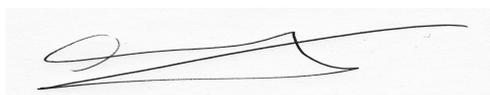
I am unable to attend the AGM and I am happy for you to read out my report

Ramsey Senior Citizens Report for the year end December 2017

February: Presentation by Ramsey & District Community Archive
March: John Pilbeam on guitar
April: Presentation on Ramsey Mortuary Chapels
May: Beauville Ensemble - A recorder band
June: Film - Holme Spitfire Excavation shown by Great Fen Team
July: Entertained ourselves as Bury School Choir failed to appear
September: Ripton Ladies Choir
October: Harvest Festival inc grand auction of produce
November: Fashion Show by Scottish Woollen Mill, St Ives
December: Two course catered Christmas dinner then entertained by Ramsey WI drama group (pantomime)

We meet for 10 months of the year in Bury village hall and are very happy with the facilities provided.

Yours Sincerley,



Ina Hartley
Chairwoman Ramsey Senior Citizens

Charlotte Copley
Clerk to Bury Parish Council
Bury

Friday, 23 February 2018

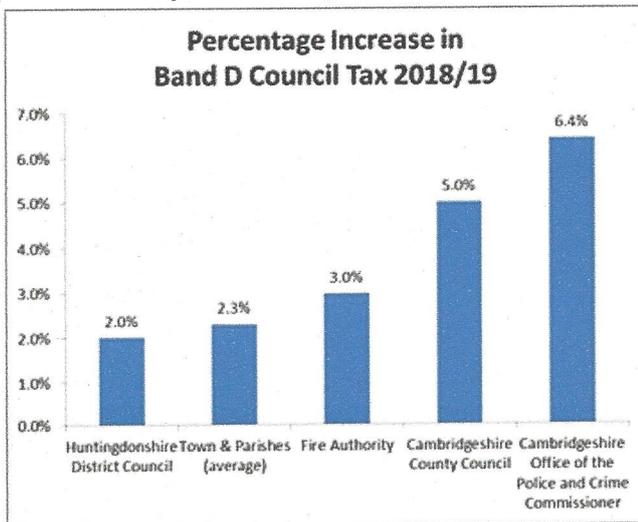
Dear *Charlotte*

AGM 2017/18 REPORT FOR BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately this is my last annual report, I feel really sad as due to the boundary review Bury becomes part of Ramsey, therefore, after many years I will not be representing Bury Parish.

Please see my report for the District Council for 2017/18:

Council Proposes Budget Plans for 2018/19



Council Tax levels for Huntingdonshire District Council will remain one of the lowest in the country and supported an increase of just 2% for 2018/19. A Council Tax increase of 2% will mean that an average Band D property will pay £138.56pa, the lowest of the Cambridgeshire District Councils.

Due to the current economic climate, the council is faced with reduced government funding levels for 2018/19 compared to previous years, followed by further significant reductions in 2019/20. This means that further savings through efficiencies will need to be found over the next 12 months in preparation for the challenge ahead.

The council continues to work extremely hard to ensure that it runs its services to the maximum efficiency. This is considerably less than inflation which currently stands at 3.0% (CPI, January 2018).

Government funding - Revenue Support Grant (RSG) will end in 2018/19, however, it should be noted that as of 2019/20 the RSG to the Council will be NIL and afterwards we will be addressing as part of the Fair Funding Review that is currently being undertaken.

Huntingdonshire Local Plan 2036

Huntingdonshire District Council approved the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 in December 2017. This Plan has evolved over a number of years and has been influenced by a series of public consultations. It provides a clear vision and strategy for development to meet the housing, employment, community and other needs of the district and ensures Huntingdonshire remains a great place to live, work and invest.

Alongside a strategy to deliver the new homes required, it includes **new policies** on matters such as employment, retail, infrastructure, design, heritage and biodiversity. The Plan published on 18 December 2017 for a seven week period. During this time all interested parties are invited to comment on the legal compliance and soundness of the Plan. The Plan is then expected to be **submitted to the Secretary of State by the end of March 2018**, along with all the comments received during the seven week period. Thereafter, the timeline will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate who will set a date for the examination where those who make representations during the seven week period have an opportunity to address the appointed Inspector. The Inspector's Report will follow and it is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted in 2019.

One Leisure Huntingdon

The first phase of a major redevelopment at the leisure centres. The Impressions Fitness Suite has received a major renovation that has increased the size of the gym to almost double its original size. The refurbishment is part of an £800,000 investment in the centre that will also enhance and improve hospitality provision and Leo's Funzone soft play facility.

The gym now sits across two floors and has been refitted with brand new cardio, strength, free weight and functional equipment.

Freedom of Information

The latest Annual FOI compliance report 2016 revealed that HDC received 780 Freedom of Information requests. 68% of FOI requests were disclosed, whilst 9% were subject to a partial or full exemption and a further 7% were not held. Increasingly, a greater proportion of requests (16%) were answered by directing to datasets published on the open data pages of the Council's website. As a result, 125 requests were swiftly concluded outside of the legislation and did not reach the relevant service. This is a marked increase from previous years where only 1% of requests were deferred by openly accessible information. We hope to see this increase continue, saving further staff time and improving our compliance. The proactive publishing of information of regular interest such as budgets and accounts, business rates, parking income and senior management structure fulfils the Council's obligation to transparency and informs public discourse. The Information Governance team will continue to support and encourage services to increase the range of information supplied as Open Data and provide training on proactively publishing information to reduce the burden of frequent enquiries.

Should you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Sincerely yours,



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