

**Report from the Representative of the Hemingford Abbots Parish Council on the Management Committee of the Hemingford Peace Memorial Field. Presented at the AGM of the HAPC on Wednesday 29 May, 2013.**

The Sports and Social Club has continued to progress and develop the facilities in line with the requirements of the community. It has also been able to carry out some improvements and to balance expenditure against revenue.

During the course of the year (October) a new Chairman was appointed who is supported by mainly re-elected Committee members. The HMPC Trustees would like to thank HAPC for their continued support through their annual contribution.

It is pleasing to report that the Cricket Club is back in action again and has organised Friday night cricket games as well as several matches at the weekend. There are also other clubs that are interested in playing on the pitch and hopefully this will lead to a rejuvenated summer cricket season. Considerable effort is being made to encourage youngsters into the game and junior cricket teams are being formed. However, more cricket coaches are required.

The football season has gone well and the different club levels continue to be well attended. The Tennis Club had a difficult season with all the rain and it was not possible to play as much tennis as in previous years. Efforts are being made to encourage more youngsters into the game and there will be more coaching in 2013.

The Squash Club continues to do well and again held the British under 23 Squash Championships in April. This was well attended and there were some excellent matches. The individual squash teams all improved their rankings in the county leagues. The Bowls Club continues to do well and has probably the best bowling green in the county. As with the other sports clubs, the club is encouraging younger players and expects to get some coaching from Sports England.

A major improvement to the Manor Room took place in the early part of this year with the existing floor being replaced with a solid floor and the installation of soundproofing. This now means that noise does not pass through the floor to the room below. This should result in increased hall hire as a wider range of activities can take place at the same time. After this improvement it was agreed to rename the Manor Room in honour of the long service by Chris Page to the HPMPF and it is now known as the Chris Page Room.

The Cinema Club continues to show interesting films and has achieved a good level of attendance with its Friday night shows.

On Health and Safety issues, a defibrillator has been provided to the Pavilion in case of any suspected heart problems. Several members of each sports club plus some of the regular staff have been trained to use it. The possibilities of installing a lift in the building so that disabled people could get upstairs to the bar and rooms was investigated. Unfortunately there is no easy way of installing a lift as either it would require a structure to be built outside or a major remodelling of the staircase to accommodate the lift. It was therefore decided not to proceed any further at this time.

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