



# Ashendon Playing Fields Association

**Registered Charity Number: 288639**

## APFA Annual Report for Parish Meeting 25/4/16

Committee members (meet monthly)

- Dr Andy Theobald (Chairman), Tans Theobald (Secretary), Chris Pullin (Treasurer), Harry Rand, Val Smith, Vicky Ewers-Blue

Trustees (meet quarterly)

- Dr Andy Theobald (Chairman), Harry Rand, Katy Jamieson, Vicky Ewers-Blue, David Crwys-Williams and James Gill.

Following last year's AGM, Ray & Margaret Lloyd resigned after 30 yrs + of unstinting support to APFA. Ray also resigned as a Trustee, but has kindly agreed to officially open the MUGA on 18 June.

Maintenance:

- Rolling program of inspection / PAT testing to comply with Insurance company requirements in place.
- Mice
- Moles
- Electrics/plumbing
- Roof tiles, external woodwork treatment and bark around base of slide
- The rotten fencing along The Causeway has generously been replaced by Rand Contracting, including a gap to allow access for football retrieval & hopefully minimise future damage
- Dymott Builders are kindly going to repair the cladding on the pavilion

MUGA

- Sub-committee of Andy Theobald, Peter Smettem, Sian Miller, Kelvin White, Chris Pullin, Luke Jamieson, David Crwys-Williams and Kevin Nash have been very successful in securing approximately £98k funding from the following organisations:  
Ashendon Parish Council  
Buckinghamshire Local Area Forum  
Ashendon Red Lion Social Club  
Hitachi Hosen Invicta  
Aylesbury Vale District Council Community Chest  
WREN Community Fund  
Rothschild Bucks Small Grants  
(APFA has also committed monies to the MUGA ).
- Safe & Sound Playgrounds commenced work on 13 April with an anticipated finish time in the next couple of weeks.
- Bench seating is also being installed to allow viewing of sport in the MUGA or on the football pitch.

#### Pavilion Hire

- Less activity this year despite regular advertising

#### Play Equipment

- The new double swing & rocking horse (funded from a successful Community Chest application and the proceeds of the Ashendon Race Night and Progressive Supper) are currently being installed (labour generously donated by Aylesbury Box Company)

#### Activities:

- Play Around the Parishes, organised via the Parish Council.
  - 3 dates throughout the year during the school holidays again proved very popular
- The inaugural Hundred Rounders Cup was held on 14 June. It was very well attended, with many surrounding villages entering teams (adult & children). Food & drink was supplied by The Hundred of Ashendon. Childrens' activities were very popular, and traditional afternoon tea & cakes went down a treat accompanied by The Marsh Gibbon Brass Band. A raffle provided minimal income but overall the whole day provided a fun time for all the family & competitive sports persons alike in an idyllic setting, raising the profile of this fabulous village amenity. We propose to make this a biannual event if there is sufficient support from the village.
- Conker championship / BBQ held in October – well attended and enjoyed by all ages
- Bonfire evening not held this year
- WI pancake races held in February but numbers were disappointingly low
- Ludgershall Football Club:
  - The club is well supported by family members & friends with the pavilion & play area providing a safe & fabulous resource for all. Various meetings are held in the pavilion throughout the year including the AGM & there is an annual social event also held on site for players, family & friends. Moles are a recurring nuisance with costs for treatments shared by the club & APFA. Great news hot off the press ....they achieved promotion on Saturday! They have purchased a memorial cup for their ex-manager & are seeking financial assistance to house it safely in the pavilion for display purposes.
  - The hot water supply proves insufficient supply if both home & away teams shower at once – options are being explored

#### Allotments

- 7 are currently let, at £25 each per year, remaining stable compared to last year
- More are available if wanted and have been advertised.
- All tenants are now on annual contracts & a general tidy up programme has been started. A second water butt is awaiting installation for use alongside the external tap which has now been fitted with a cut-off timer to minimise water loss.

#### Paddock

- Has benefitted from the year's + rest and will become available for rent again following completion of the MUGA works, though reparations to fencing will be required.

#### Insurance

- Cost is £840 this year.

#### Ashendon PC

- Many thanks to our Parish Council for their staunch support
  - donation towards the annual insurance fee
  - donation towards the MUGA
  - payment of grass cutting costs.
- Very much appreciated!

#### 100+ Club

- Currently 110 members, with 50% paying by direct debit

#### Accounts

- Many thanks to Chris Pullin for his diligence and hard work
- Also thanks to Kevin Nash for agreeing to audit these accounts in view of there being more than £25k income this year
- Debt from pavilion overspend now reduced to £4k

#### Vale Lottery

- APFA has been approved as a good cause for the Vale Lottery. We're looking to recruit new members to support us during these difficult fundraising times. Please visit [www.valelottery.co.uk](http://www.valelottery.co.uk) and nominate us as your chosen cause.....you could be in with a shout of winning a £20,000 jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 a week. APFA currently benefits from half the money from 5 tickets and has already had several small winners....join now & the next one may be you!

#### Future Events

- The Ashendon Fun Horse Ride, in conjunction with Bicester Riding Club on 22/5/16 by kind permission of Mr & Mrs R Smith, Mr & Mrs R Lloyd, Messrs H, R, C & P Rand, Messrs L, J & D Curtis and Mrs Claridge. Featuring cakes served by WI, BBQ & drinks, Photographer, Rosettes to all participants. Champagne Prize Draw.
  - We need your help! If you're not riding please volunteer your help in whatever capacity you can offer to Felicity Smettem or Tans Theobald. Please come along & support us – more than 30 marshals are needed to open/close gates!

#### Future of APFA, some issues from last year:

- 'A History of APFA' is now framed & hanging in the pavilion thanks to a very kind donation from the Ashendon Oil Group.
- Small committee - likely to focus on carrying out the terms of the Trust Deed, leaving social events to RLSC

Dr Andy Theobald, Chairman 24/4/16