

## Chairmans Report 2018 – 19

I really can't believe that a year has gone by and it is again time for my Chairmans report.

We have made some progress with the issues we have with traffic at school times. Hopefully come the summer break we will have road markings in place which will help to alleviate the log jam we get outside the school at pick up and drop off.

As we have heard the Roundabout is on its way. Progress has been slow but hopefully by next years Chairmans report the Chairman will be reporting on a completed job!

Santa again came to Westcott in his shed and a very successful collection means we should be able to yet again arrange the Christmas lunch for senior members of the village. A great time was had by all who attended last years lunch and the school bringing the children down to sing to everyone made for a truly magical event.

The Parish council covers the cost of room hire for the monthly lunch club. Do you know someone who would benefit from attending the lunch? It happens on the first Thursday of every month and provides a great opportunity for a chat with a few people as well as a good two course lunch.

I am keen for us to engage with the community and I recently attended a workshop run by Bucks County Council here at the pavilion to try and find out what resources there are locally and how we can make sure people are aware of them. Social isolation is a big issue and can be particularly difficult somewhere like Westcott where we have no shops, no community centre and very little in the way of public transport.

Talking about a lack of transport leads me nicely on to the Bernwode Bus. He is nothing to do with the Parish Council, but he is starting to run some local trips out at very reasonable rates so look on social media and the Westcott noticeboard for further information. The Bernwode Bus is a locally run charity trying to tackle social isolation issues. He is available to hire at reasonable rates for local clubs and groups. He desperately needs help though. He is always looking for volunteer drivers so if you know anyone who might have a little time on their hands and a clean driving licence please get in touch.

We had another successful spring clean-up day. Thanks to everyone who turned out for that.

We had a vacancy for a councillor this time last year. I am pleased to say we were able to fill that vacancy and welcomed Dan Harris to the council. Unfortunately, no sooner had we filled the position than another vacancy occurred. So, if you know of someone who you think would be a good councillor let them know and ask them to apply.

We hope to be attending the Fun Day again this year. Come along and have a chat, tell us what you would like to happen in the village, tell us what we are doing well or badly! We can't improve our community without your input to tell us what you want.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for the work you put in.

A very big thank you to our Clerk Alan Lambourne who makes sure we run smoothly and legally.

Finally thank you to Alans wife Hilary for the lovely cakes.