

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Usage of the Hall during 2010 was little changed from 2009; that is, there is still plenty of spare capacity. Anyone who hears of any possible prospective and appropriate user, please contact one of the officers of the Charity. Our financial situation remains stable. In large part this is due to the continuing support of Atworth Parish Council; we are most grateful for this. The White Hart Public House and the Bear Garage have also made welcome contributions during 2010; many thanks to them.

In the Village Hall, 2010 has seen provision and installation of a new boiler financed ( some £1500) jointly by Atworth Parish Council and the Charity and replacement of the tea urn in the kitchen. We look forward to new double-glazed windows early in 2011. More about these in next year's report.

As for the Recreation Ground, this has, once again, been a source of much enjoyment to villagers and visitors. For another year, maintenance of the grassed areas was carried out, to a high standard, by English Landscapes. This work is another of those funded by Atworth Parish Council. There have been several improvements achieved during the year. Both senior and junior goalposts were renewed, thanks to grants totalling some £1500 from Wiltshire Council and the Football Foundation; our thanks to them. Once again, Mavis King was foremost in "extracting" the cash for this project; we are indebted to her for this. The Charity also replaced the tennis court net and posts at a cost of some £400. Many thanks to Derek Edwards for organising the supply and necessary work and to Graham Canfield , who skilfully fitted a security cover to the winding mechanism. Other works, worthy of note, were the replacement of bark for play equipment areas; more trees planted in the copse; and the renovation and repainting of all the Recreation Ground seats. Thanks go to all those who helped on these.

In conclusion and reflecting on a year of steady progress, I thank, once again, my fellow Trustees for all their support and their individual efforts.

Bill Cooke ( Chairman)