

Chairman's Annual Report.

When I was elected Chairman for the second time the Parish Council was at a very low point.

We had just held elections for members and only eight people had bothered to stand leaving us with seven empty places. Some of the powers that we had were removed immediately and our Gold Standard will be lost next year. The only way to regain these powers is to have a new election for the Parish Council which will have a cost implication. We will have to consider if the cost is worth it as the bill would fall on all of us.

We failed to be quorate, in September, for the first time in our history but fortunately we are now up to full strength.

It was with sadness that we said “goodbye” to Lucy Bird, but we were glad to say “hello” to Katie Ixer, so The Time Bank continues to go from strength to strength.

During the past year we have had many great events including the carnival, The Handle Bards, the flower festival, the Christmas tree festival and the Christmas Lights switch on.

I was very impressed by the effort made by the village to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ending of The First World War. It was a credit to us all.

On the negative side we still have antisocial behaviour as was witnessed by the vandalism of the Sports Area lights and the refusal of some dog owners to clear up after their charges and leave it for others to do.

Looking forward there is the carnival to come, along with The Handle Bards and the Flower Festival.

If you are needing to relax then go and enjoy the nature reserve as I have always found it a tranquil place, so thanks to all those volunteers who maintain it for everybody else.

Before I finish, I must thank all my fellow councillors for all their support and hard work over the past year.

Finally, if you fell asleep during this report then you can read it in the next edition of Somersham4U.