

Budock Water Playing Field Association

At our AGM in October, our Chair Margaret Gallagher stood down. Margaret had stood for 2 years and the committee was very grateful for all her work and input over this time.

The new chairman, Matt Brierley was voted in at the AGM. Matt lives in the village and has 3 young children who often use the Playing Field. At the AGM, he set out his ideas for the future of the village Playing Field. The main aspects were to try and make the fundraising activities more child friendly and also to attempt to engage the whole of the village community even if this initially reduces our fund raising. He was also keen to get more people involved in the running of the Playing Field, but rather than them necessarily having to be on the committee, have a sub-group of helpers who for various reasons don't want to be on a "committee".

We have since had 2 main events. The Christmas lights turn on and an Easter Treasure hunt and BBQ. The first, despite some difficulties with double booking, was a great success with about 60 people turning up to sing carols, drink tea and non-alcoholic mulled cider as well as a raffle. The children were entertained by Christmas card making craft and toy cars with a piece of guttering as a ramp! There was a wonderful atmosphere and the committee are keen to build on its success for Christmas 2016.

The Easter Treasure Hunt too was well attended with about 40 children plus adults. There were 2 treasure hunts. One around the woods for the older children and one around the park for the youngsters who were treated to some lovely illustrated animals to find. Afterwards, thanks to some beautiful April weather, there was a BBQ in the field and games for the children. Again, much was learnt by the committee and hopefully will be built upon for next year.

Coming up soon we have the village Fun Day on 11th June, which will also incorporate a free Tea for children to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. All are welcome and not just the children of the village! In the last few months the committee has also absorbed the Village Carnival committee and so we have that to organise with a date of Saturday 3rd September in the book and Falmouh Marine Band at the ready!

The committee is currently in the process of preparing an exciting plan to improve the fabric of the Playing Field which we hope to be able to present to the village and wider community within the next couple of months, thus enabling us to up our fundraising including applying for grants.

Overall, we have had an exciting year so far and with a wonderfully committed and forward-looking committee we are hopeful for much more to come!

Matt Brierley
Chairman Playing Field Association