

I'll start by Thanking the 3 Trustees who have stepped down during year. These were Paul Challener who had served since 2010 and had announced he was stepping down in 2016, Mike Briggs who has been a Parish Council representative since 2012 having originally been active during the design and build stages and Keith Lawrance whose involvement started at the word go and still continues behind the scenes. Their combined contributions have been significant.

The other people to Thank are the four part-time members of staff, all from the village and volunteers who keep the Centre in such good condition. There are also a good number of village organisations using the Centre and contributing to village life.

One final Thank You. This is to the Councillors for funded the stage extension and replacement sewerage pumps. Henley Players and outside hires have already made good use of the stage extension. It goes without saying what the benefit of having working sewerage pumps is.

This year, the Centre is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the official opening. Due to resourcing issues, the event has been scaled back to an evening event of dancing and light snacks with the music provide by Eleventh Hour. The date for your diaries is 14<sup>th</sup> July, and entry will be via tickets which will be free and can be claimed upon request.

And later in the year, the beacon will be lit as part of the commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War 1.

Financially, the Charity is in a good condition and the number of regular bookings and other bookings has probably never been better. After several years of deficit, there have now been 2 years of surplus, although this, and more has been earmarked for a list of projects including refurbishing the Boughton Room, replacing all the chairs and reinstating the southern boundary fencing.

Yet, we are at a crisis point. The Centre and the Bar have a combined income of nearly £90k, and expenditure of nearly £85k. Yet, there are now only 3 Trustees administering the Charity and what was originally known as the Bar Committee is now made up of 1 Trustee and the Centre Manager. I started the recent Bank Holiday weekend with a to do list that consisted of 19 items. Without a great deal more help, the future of the Centre is at risk – something the whole village should be concerned about.