

## Chairman's Report

Over the last 12 months a number of local issues and events have occurred, some are still in hand and others have yet to happen.

### Defibrillator

At the beginning of summer last year we had a request from the playing fields committee to contribute towards the installation of a Defibrillator on the playing fields, at the same time a charity called Heartbeat was contacted as they had purchased the old telephone box on Upton road. Old telephone boxes have been used by this charity for housing defibrillators however when they came to view the location they advised us that the phone booth was not the best place to site it and suggested on the village hall outside the main door.

Following this we discussed this at committee but there was little support so the idea has laid in abeyance, however following a recent discussion with a member of Heartbeat I was advised of the possibility of a grant from the lottery towards the costs and I have recently received the application forms.

### Telephone Box

The telephone box which was purchased by Heartbeat is in the process of being transferred to the Parish ownership. I would like to thank Pat Dooley at this stage for the effort she has put into bringing to our attention the level of support within the village for retaining the now redundant telephone box. We have been given contact details for a company that can supply the phone materials for repairing it to an acceptable standard.

### Bus Shelter

Earlier this year we applied to install a bus shelter for the layby opposite the village hall and this was installed with the help of Hutchinson's Builders in February. At least the children can take shelter now whilst waiting for their transport. The cost of this was £3711.50 (incl Vat) and for making the base and then fixing the shelter when it arrived £659.30 (incl Vat). We received a grant of £1500 and were able to recover Vat (£874.16) resulting a net cost to the parish of £1996.64.

### Queen's Birthday Celebration day 12<sup>th</sup> June

Parishioners will have received the initial notification regarding the above event. Additional information and a timetable of activities will be circulated to all parishioners at the beginning of June.

### Speeding through the Village



The council recently discussed the issue of speeding through the villages particularly between Upton and Kexby travelling past the village hall. We are currently the possibility of installing signs and a speed monitoring device with the intention of making motorists aware of their speed and hopefully slow down. This initiative is being coordinated with Upton PC and possibly Willingham although this needs to be confirmed.



### Village Hall Mural Restoration

The restoration of the depicting country life in the war has been successfully restored with the unveiling of it by Jessie Milne on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. I think the restoration had brought the mural to life.

### Bench on Green

The bench on the village green is currently being assessed to see if it can economically be repaired or replaced.

Ron Gore