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## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - APRIL 2011/MARCH 2012.**

1. We have (of course) had another good year with the centre continuing to run on a sound financial basis. However the committee is again under strength. This places a strain on members and would create a significant problem if any of the existing Officers had to step down and the new committee need to look to recruit additional members.
2. Bookings have continued to be healthy, both halls being quite well used. The hire charges for the coming year have not been set yet, it was decided that the “new” committee would look into that at the next monthly meeting.
3. There has been considerable capital expenditure this year with the replacement of the flooring in the main hall and the stacking chairs. The electrics were also inspected by local electrical engineers and recommendations implemented. Probably the most welcome being the repair of lighting in the toilets and the fitting of motion sensors to ensure that the lights are only on when they are required. Thus making the centre greener and saving money on electricity. Software has also been purchased for account keeping and bookings administration.
4. Some of the old stacking chairs replaced were sold at a nominal rate and the money raised, £150, passed to the Paxcroft Mead Junior Forum.
5. This year we have had two sad occurrences, firstly our cleaner Alison has been taken ill and has been unable to work for some months and our thoughts are with her and her family. Initially Karen took on the task as we hoped it would only be for a short while. As it became apparent that it would not be short term we started looking for a replacement and an applicant, one George Dowd, a Mead Club member, came forward and has been doing the job successfully for some months now. The other was the loss of Edna Collins, wife of Peter Collins, who died earlier this year. I doubt either needs any further introductions both being familiar figures at the centre. The committee were grateful to receive a donation into Centre funds on this sad occasion.
6. Maintenance and improvements to the centre are a constant on-going process. Projects currently under consideration are, painting of the outside woodwork, this has been done piecemeal over the years mostly by Committee Members but we are now looking to employ professional help to do all the necessary work. We are looking at installing broadband, initially for use by the committees of the PMCC and Mead Club but also possibly by other users and members. As well as many smaller or longer term projects.
7. The committee continue to have close links with the Neighbourhood Policing units for this area. We receive regular reports on crime in the area, which are generally classed as very low. With the coming of the summer holiday period, a careful watch will be required to maintain this situation.
8. Finally I have decided that the time has come to step down as Chairman, although I wish to remain on the committee.

A.J. Jales 22th of April 2012.