

## rae2018

The Chairman thanked everyone, staff and volunteers for keeping the centre going well during the heat. He pointed out that at the previous meeting he had thanked them for keeping the centre going in the bad weather! The Wednesday afternoon openings are proving popular and in general the number of customers is good. He also thanked those concerned for solving the problem of the front door and stated that the new door is very good.

The Treasurers reported that setting aside some planned capital expenditure such as £3K on electrical work to ensure that the centre is safe, the centre has made a loss of around £400 in the last 3 months. There are several reasons for the loss but it is not of concern. An audit of consumables will be carried out and as the profit margin is tight, price rises are possible in the autumn.

It was stated that there is a shortage of volunteers and this is a problem on Saturdays. Some help has been received from Duke of Edinburgh award scheme participants at QE school. A more regular "supply" for a longer period will be sought. Donations from users of the back room are useful and users treat the room with great care which is appreciated. It was also stated that the gardening outside carried out by volunteers has made a difference and thanks were recorded to the volunteers and those who have donated the plants now on display outside.

The joint Archivists Pam Reeks and Linda Munn made a report which included thanks for donations of documents related to Barrows Stores Ringwood Road, pottery glazed butter dish and pottery which will be collected next week from a local home on the site of a kiln. Thanks were given to Andy who is entering photographs onto the computer and Stuart Clifton who is working with Andy to display photos for identification.

Linda gave a talk to yr 4 at Trinity School and this was followed by a visit during which the children took part in laundry duties aided by volunteers. The Mayor is planning a showcase of activities which children carry out on a visit for the visit on the day of the Mayor's Christmas reception.

The Chairman announced that 6 bin bags of documents some dating back to the C19 have been offered to the centre. The documents include property deeds and wills of local peoples. It was stated that cataloguing and storing this volume of documents, not all of which relate to Verwood, is beyond the centre's volunteers' capabilities. It was agreed that the documents would be offered to the Dorset History Centre with a request that the centre receive copies of documents which relate to Verwood.

It was agreed that Ann will take the centre's goods to the Rustic Fayre and have a stall in a marquee.

The AGM will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and the Executive Committee will meet on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am in the centre.