

GARFORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMANS REPORT TO THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
JANUARY 2023

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GARFORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

AS THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN SEPTEMBER 1973 THIS SHOULD BE THE 50TH AGM.

HOWEVER, DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC WE HAD TO FOREGO THE AGMS OF 2021 AND 2022.

THE CHARITIES COMMISSION REQUIRES THAT WE SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT WITH FINANCIAL RECORDS. I WAS ABLE TO COMPLY FOR 20 AND 21, DESPITE NOT HOLDING THE AGMS.

IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU MY REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION IN 2022.

FIRST OF ALL, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS FULFILLED THEIR MAIN TASK IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION.

C. OBJECTS.

The objects of the association shall be:

i. to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Garforth and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

ii. to establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain and manage or to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in the furtherance of the above objects.

IN SUMMARY THE PRIME FUNCTION OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO RUN THE HALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE HALL IS OWNED BY LEEDS CITY COUNCIL AND LEASED TO GCA.

OUR ANNUAL RENT HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE RELIEVD BY A SUBSIDY OR RENTAL SUPPORT GRANT OF 90 % .

DURING THE PANDEMIC WE ALSO RECEIVED VIA LCC A GOVERNEMENT GRANT OF £10 k WHICH HELPED TO ENSURE OUR FINANCIAL SURVIVAL.

THE MAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE DURING SHUTDOWN WAS ON A DEFIBRILLATOR WHICH WAS PARTLY FUNDED BY CAROLINE ATHAS DANCE CLASS. WE ALSO HAVE A NEW SECURITY LOCK SYSTEM WHICH COMES WITH PROGRAMMABLE KEYS THAT WE CAN CONTROL MORE EASILY.

INDEED, UNLIKE MANY SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WE MANAGED TO ACTUALLY KEEP GOING THROUGHT THE CRISIS ALBEIT WITH A VERY MUCH REDUCED PROGRAMME.

IN PARTICULAR I WOULD TO MENTION AND THANK.--

MICK AINSLEY OUR CARETAKER MADE SURE THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES OF WIPES AND SANITISER WERE KEPT UP AND THAT ALL RELEVANT SIGNAGE WAS IN PLACE TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION. HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN THE ENTIRE BUILDING AND DO A LOT OF DECORATING.

THE AA, WHOSE MEETINGS WENT ON WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

AND CARLINE ATHA WHOSE PUPILS ATTENDED

THEIR DANCE CLASSES WHENEVER THE LOCKDOWN RULES WERE RELAXED SUFFICIENTLY, SUBJECT TO HER VERY STRICT REGIME FOR BOTH PARENTS AND PUPILS.

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT GRADUALLY OVER 2022 OUR BOOKINGS HAVE RECOVERED AND THE MAJORITY OF OUR REGULAR USERS ARE ON STREAM AGAIN.

APART FROM REGULAR WEEKLY USERS IN 2022 WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE IN THE HALL

TWO WEEKENDS OF DANCE SHOWS

AN ARTS FESTIVAL

THE PANTOMIME BY THE MUSICAL SOCIETY WHICH PLAYED TO PACKED HOUSES

A COMEDY SHOW

A CLAIRVOYANT EVENING

A DANCE COMPETITION WEEKEND

THE AUTUMN FLOWER AND VEG SHOW

A MAGICIANS CONVENTION

THE SCOUTS RACE NIGHT

LEDHAM CRICKET CLUB SOCIAL EVENING

GARFORTH PARISH CRICKET CLUB SOCIAL EVENING

A 60TH BIRTHDAY

A 90TH BIRTHDAY

AND 50 YES FIFTY CHILDRENS BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

WE ALSO SUPPORTED THE PEACE INITIATIVE IN GARFORTH WITH AN EXHIBITION OF THE SCHOOLS PEACE FLAGS ATTENDED BY THE LORD MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF LEEDS .

WE WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ONE OF THE FINISHED FLAGS WHICH WE HAD FRAMED AND FIXED IN THE HALL A CEREMONY AGAIN ATTENDED BY THE LORD MAYOR AND MAYORESS.

LAST YEAR THE FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING SUFFERED A DROP IN ATTENDEES WHICH WE HOPE WILL CHANGE THIS COMING YEAR..

IF YOU CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO COME INTO THIS BUILDING EITHER WITH OUR REGULAR USERS OR INVOLVED WITH ALL THOSE ACTIVITIES I HAVE JUST LISTED THIS IS A VERY BUSY PLACE WEEK AFTER WEEK AND AN IMPORTANT HUB IN OUR COMMUNITY.

NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT THE HELP OF A NUMBER OF COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS.

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE ORGANISATIONS THAT HIRE THE HALL HAVE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELP IN SOME WAY. I AM SURE YOU ALL KNOW THEM.

MORE DIRECTLY LINKED TO GCA I WOULD LIKE TO THANK A FEW PEOPLE

CAROLE JINKS FOR HER MANY HOURS SPENT WITH THE UKELELE GROUP GULP

GORDON HALL AND OTHERS WITH THE ART GROUP

MALCOLM TAYLOR WITH THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BOWLS GROUP

FRANK HAWKINS WITH THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA DANCE, HELPED BY DIANE WITH ELAINE, PENNY AND DOREEN IN THE KITCHEN.

JOHN SCOTT FOR HELPING OUT WITH THE WEBSITE.

WE ONLY MANAGED TO HAVE TWO OR THREE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE LATTER PART OF 2022 BUT I WOULD TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE ON THE WEEKLY ROTA LIST. MIKE SUGGETT WHO WAS A MEMBER FOR A SHORT WHILE AS MINUTES SECRETARY MOVED FROM GARFORTH TO TADCASTER, HAS TAKEN ON OTHER COMMITMENTS AND RESIGNED .

MY THANKS GO TO JULIE LAWN, CAROL JINKS, MALCOLM TAYLOR, GORDON HALL, KEVIN SCANLON (who spent the last 5 months of 2022 inhospital thankfully now at home)

TREASURER PENNY CASSIDY AND BOOKING SECRETARY DOREEN HAWKINS.

BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO THE TREASURERS REPORT AND THEN ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2023 WOULD THE MEETING PLEASE ACCEPT MY REPORT FOR 2022.

THANK YOU

I hereby confirm the GCA Financial Statement
to 31 December 2022 are true and accurate.

Lindsey Hubball
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Statements and accounts reviewed independently
19 January 2023