

Chairman's Report January 2024

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely Christmas, wherever you spent it and whoever you spent it with.

Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Carpet.

As you will be aware we closed for the first two weeks of the year so we could get the corridors and Reception carpets re-laid. It's not quite as dramatic as the heading but when Kimbers had lifted the previous carpet and came to lay the new we found it was two slightly different colours, even though the manufacturers had marked the rolls as a dye colour match. They had to complete the task as it is going to be some weeks before it is rectified, and we could not be without carpet during that time. It will of course be resolved with minimal disruption and at the manufacturers cost in due course. I will let you know if there will be any disruption when I know more.

Open Forums

One date already booked is the first Forum of 2024 on Wednesday March 6th @ 4:15pm when David Sidwick (Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner) will be with us to present on his role and the current situation in Dorset/Highcliffe.

I have two other speakers booked:

- Andy Martin (Highcliffe & Walkford Parish & BCP Councillor) who will talk about the current local plans and answer any questions on 'Council matters.'
- Andrew Lilley (Aldridge Brownlow Solicitors) who will talk about LPA's (Lasting Power of Attorney) which had limited mention on his last talk about Wills.

If you have any particular speakers or subjects you would like to hear from or about, please let me know.

ACE of Clubs

I have attended a couple of meetings with Highcliffe Rotary Club who are trying to bring local clubs together in informal partnerships to support each other at events. It has zero cost and although nothing has come of it yet, it is worth pursuing for the future so will continue to attend.

Council Meetings

We will shortly be publishing the dates for the HCA Council meetings. I urge you to make sure your section is represented by your organiser (or a deputy). It is the best place to get the latest news and plans from your Trustees.

I look forward to seeing you at Greystones, in the meantime, enjoy our wonderful facilities.

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