

Ash RAMC Chairman's Report 2026

Many thanks to all Committee members and Parish residents who have given their time to helping maintain our Parish Room and Recreation Area. Your willing assistance is invaluable and appreciated.

Again the "Coffee Morning Crowd" provides a regular income for the Hall and as it is organised by ARAMC it provides an immediate link between Committee and residents, so quickly giving feedback to Committee members in attendance, of any problems arising in the Hall or on the Recreation Area . . It has a regular attendance of between 10 and 20. Thank you to all the bakers, ladies and gents . ARAMC run events are held as and when required for fundraising to maintain existing facilities at a reasonable standard, but the Spring plant sale, the September Produce show and the Christmas lunch have been maintained as "regulars". Flicks in Sticks has been so well organised by Clare that it has been decided to extend the trial run for a further year. If it is to be included as a "regular " it must however be at least revenue neutral, so more support would be appreciated or it will be discontinued.

The Jubilee Garden is now flourishing and thanks must go to Shiela and Peter Martinson for their work and expertise in creating and maintaining it.

Hall usage appears to be very consistent and the July booking schedule appears very healthy. The Hallmaster booking system works well and helps us manage a regular income stream from hirers.

The Parish Council provides an annual grant which assists with running costs and this year we are the beneficiary of a bequest from our Past Chairman , Bill Grosset, who did so much in helping set up the ARAMC. A huge thank you to Bill and his family. We will use it wisely.

Future imminent plans for the Hall are to redecorate throughout and to reseal and polish the floor. Future plans must I believe be mindful that funds at our disposal must be sufficient and that any plans include all the Recreation Area , and not just the Village Hall. A huge thank you to all who have helped in the last year, especially Nick our Treasurer and Lynda our Secretary.

John Dodd (Chairman). July 2026