

# Combe Reading Room – Chairman's Report

## 2018

2018 was, for the Reading Room, a year of consolidation to replenish our resources in readiness for a couple of major projects scheduled for 2019 and as such this report will be somewhat shorter than usual.

We are very fortunate to enjoy the support of the community and this we try to repay in working to keep our offering an important and relevant part of village life.

We have undertaken our usual round of fundraising. This has happened through monthly coffee mornings, yearly Village Cream Teas, the 100 Club and the annual curry supper as well as the increasingly important income generation provided from lettings for parties, teaching, village events and corporate meetings.

The remit we are tasked with carrying out is to upgrade and maintain the building and its facilities, to protect this important village asset and to increase its hiring potential. Our to do list for 2019 includes the repair and painting of the exterior woodwork and the upgrade of the path. For these and other similar projects we like, where possible, to favour the local economy by using Combe based trades people.

On the admin front we are reviewing, strengthening and documenting our policies on health and safety, safeguarding and the conditions of hire.

The success our venture enjoys is without doubt attributable to that hardworking, stable and extremely competent group who are my fellow trustees. That we are able to function as effectively as we do is due to the ever reliable and enthusiastic Sue Golder who we are so fortunate to have as our wonderful caretaker.

8<sup>th</sup> May 2019