

# EASTON FUND AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 25th MARCH 2021

**To be read out at Village Zoom meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

When lockdown commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 the Social Committee circulated a flyer around the village offering support to people by shopping, collecting prescriptions and anything else required and the feedback from those supported has been very positive. We had no idea then that a year later we would still be in lockdown.

My report this year is brief because we have not been able to offer our planned events to the village. There have been no Big Breakfasts and we have no idea when these might be able to resume. There have been just 2 social events in the past 12 months. A Murder Mystery by Zoom, written and produced by Simon Malivoire and screened on 31st October which was great fun and raised over £300.00 for the Church. We also had a combined Mulled Wine and Mince Pies/Carol Service on 13<sup>th</sup> December in the pouring rain with everyone sitting outside the Church as we were not allowed inside. Philip Bell played the keyboard beautifully in the rain and we managed to sing, despite our sopping wet song sheets disintegrating in our hands. Even though it was a cold wet day villagers turned out in their droves and the Social Committee raised £192.00 from the raffle and the Church made £165.00 from the collection. Peter Gould made the mulled wine which was excellent as usual and it was lovely just to be together again, albeit socially distanced with John Maith taking everyone's details for "track and trace" as they arrived.

The Social Committee has also run weekly Quiz or Bingo sessions throughout the year which have been very popular in the village. John Hill and Simon and Janey Malivoire have been the host/organisers with John Hill calling the Bingo numbers and devising all the quizzes. Simon and Janey mark the quizzes in real time and modest prizes add a bit of fun to the events.

Our bank balance currently stands at £645.00 which is diminished somewhat from last year because of the lack of fundraising events.

I would like to thank all my Committee, especially our Treasurer, Karen Nesbit-Farren, secretary/film producer Simon Malivoire and John Hill for presiding over the quizzes and Bingo sessions. All their efforts have been much appreciated in a very challenging year. I do hope that 2021/22 will be a more productive and socially interactive year for our village.

**Kathy Yates**

**EFSC Chairman**

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**