

Wickham Skeith Lunch Club Report for Parish Council AGM – 12 May 2014

I cannot believe it was a year ago that I last did this report.

The Lunch Club has now been running for almost 10 years and is still very popular with our over 60s. We now have 5 “cooking teams” which makes life a little easier as they only have to cook twice a year, occasionally 3 times.

Last year, we had a Food Hygiene Inspection out of the blue and failed due to there being no hot water in the hand washing sink and also that the kitchen itself needed a good clean. This was duly rectified and I am pleased to say that we were then awarded a “Five Star – Elite” certificate. Obviously we were delighted.

We were very hopeful last year as we thought that plans would go ahead for the kitchen to be extended. Romaine and I had made a lot of progress finding out about funding and various grants that could be available, but then it was taken out of our hands as we were told that we were only “hirers of the hall” and that a new committee would be formed. To date it seems to have “died a death” which I find very sad. Perhaps once there is an accident in the kitchen the wheels might start turning again. We have already received 2 generous donations towards the extension and hopefully we will also be providing further Sunday lunches to raise funds, if and when plans are in motion.

Again, I would like to thank my committee, Denis Sore (Treasurer), Romaine Elsdon, Jenny Harvey and Lynne Baines for their hard work and who are a great help to me.

Also, many thanks to everyone who helps on the day, taking entrance fee at the door, money for the raffle serving food, clearing plates, serving coffee and tidying up once we have finished. It really is great teamwork.

Looking forward to another good year and hopefully to some successful fund raising events.

Ann West
12 May 2014