

**Elvaston Communities Group
Annual General Meeting
28th February 2019**

Chair's Report

- Who we are and what we do

Close links with the Parish Council – if a need is identified within the parish we support the PC in dealing with the need.

The Parish Council supports the Group with funds if a specific need is identified – gazebos. These are to be lent to Parish organisations if required.

Put on events to bring the community together and raise money for charity

Events 2018

- On going - Sensory garden and churchyard

Sensory garden led by Carolyn and Mike Tong

Churchyard care led by David Griffiths

Their reports later.

- Coffee Morning 24th February

Supporting Derby university students who were raising funds to help with the building of a school in Kenya.

- Bingo Evening 16th March Elvaston Village Hall

A hilarious and well attended evening with two very amateur bingo callers. Fish and chips were included.

- Village Fete 28th May Elvaston Cricket Club

Yet again another successful day. The sun shone. 30 stallholders, entertainment.

- Marie Cure coffee morning 30 June Elvaston Village Hall

We are becoming very efficient at putting on refreshments

**- Assistance with Golden Gates Gallop 14th October
Elvaston Cricket Club**

The GGG committee borrowed three gazebos. Poured with rain. Gazebos left in the cricket club marquee to dry. Unfortunately one was stolen.

- Apple Day 20th October Beachwood Caravan Park

A new event and new venue. Group members spent several weeks testing recipes involving apples. The results were to be sold to the public.

An apple press was built to produce apple juice and a different type of press was borrowed.

A great number of varieties of apples were collected for identification.

Apple games were collected.

The history of orchards was identified

Myths and stories around apples were collected.

The event was successful and the public who attended enjoyed it.

- Remembrance Sunday. War memorial

Refreshments were put on near the war memorial together with information about some of the soldiers named on the memorial. This proved very popular. The team put this event together with only three days notice.

- Carols at the Harrington. 16th December

As ever a very popular event with Melbourne band, raffles and quizzes.