ROUND AND ABOUT WEST FELTON MAGAZINE

**Report to the Annual Parish Council, 18 April 2024**

**2023** - Another successful year for the magazine in which we celebrated the Village Hall centenary by publishing articles and photographs giving some idea of what it was like in West Felton down the years. We are indebted to village historian, Ann Evans, for her great contribution, and to everyone else who contributed. The sometimes-quirky reports have been appreciated by many. We received requests for copies of photographs from family members delighted to see images of lost loved ones – and in one case, a fondly remembered car!

**Financially** the audited accounts show we scraped through again, maintaining our ‘not for profit’ status, but covering all our costs. The printers did not increase their charge in November this year and we have not increased the advertising charges for 2024. However, the cost of printing did go up in March 2024 but only by a small amount. We are on course to cover our costs in 2024 though the margins may be even tighter!

**Advertising** - Several cancellations this year, but all have been replaced.

We were lucky to get £100 donation from Cambrian Oswestry Rotary in November 2023, they appreciate the publicity given to their events, especially the Santa Sleigh run.

No ‘staff’ problems this year. Dot and Kathy Bliss continue to do their job, hospital visits, hip operation etc. notwithstanding. Kate and Alan taking a well-earned break, Derek and Maggie happily doing the driving around each month with Anthea continuing to cover the outlying hamlets. Hilary, Carole (Gray) and Barbara (Jones) took up extra deliveries in the centre of the village, following Janet Knight’s retirement after more than 25 years and Dorothy Barnes’ more recently. All other deliverers still in place.

**The Future** - The magazine engenders a lot of goodwill and there has never been a problem in recruiting volunteers – except for the position of editor/administrator! Still hoping for someone who would love to get involved with a view to taking over, sometime in the future.

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Colleen Hughes 4 March 2024

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|  |  | **2023** |
| **Income** | Advertising | £4,290.00 |
|  | Donations | £195.00 |
|  | Bank Interest | £38.71 |
|  | **Total** | **£4,523.71** |
| **Expenditure** | Printing | -£4,068.00 |
|  | Expenses claimed | -£74.85 |
|  | Bank fees | -£61.60 |
|  | **Total** | **-£4,204.45** |
|  | Income over Expenditure | £319.26 |
| **Petty cash c/f** | | £17.15 |