

APM Reeves Feast

This is a small local fund administered currently by Heather Venn, and Gill Yaskin. Heather was asked by the PC to take over from David House some years ago. The PC does not have any input to the running although I report back to the annual meeting.

Gill was asked to assist due to her Baptist links since Heather is deemed to have Parish Church links, although historical.

The funds are added to through donations from villagers and sometimes organisations. For instance, there is currently one villager who makes a regular contribution, others who occasionally input funds. The PC and Meals on Wheels also contribute.

The use of these funds is according to need. Historically it was set up for families in dire need. The most recent assistance given has been for a person who was very unwell and unable to work, parking charges for a young family to be able to visit the father while hospitalised and very recently assistance has been given to the school to provide home-schooling materials due to the pandemic. Details of the usage is not generally given to maintain confidentiality. Agreement between Gill and Heather is how the fund is administered. If a request is made or an awareness highlighted the known facts are discussed and a decision is made. If the recommendation comes from a member of the Clergy or Village Agent or similar, we do not require too much detail since we trust the suggestion.

The funds are not significant and grants of up to £100 are about the maximum we would expect to offer. The school has been an exception to this recently. We are also awaiting the ongoing costs of a library facility which could be an annual cost.

There are not many requests made but this can change rapidly. That's not to say there isn't a need, it might just be a lack of awareness.

There is a great deal of history surrounding the fund, of which the current administrators have not fully been appraised, but it has been very clear this fund is now completely separate from that run in North Curry of the same name.