BLACKSMITHS FIELD ANNUAL REPORT
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The entrance to the field from All Saints Road has been greatly improved with the installation of a footpath which ends by the play equipment, making it accessible even during the wet winter months. The new play equipment has proved very popular and families are coming from outside the village to enjoy the facilities.

A few repairs were needed on some areas of the play equipment which were carried out by Andy Pallant and Ray Palmer. The play bark also needs to be topped up and I hope to organise this early June.

Phil Piper organised the replacement of the goal posts with movable posts, making the pitch more user friendly. Again this has proved very popular.

The pathway cut through the wild meadow ending by the pond allows you to get closer to the wild flowers and a number of pyramid orchids were spotted last year.

Unfortunately a number of dog owners are not clearing up after their dog and it was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to ask residents if they would like to see a fence installed around the play area to keep dogs out.

Litter has become a problem around the picnic benches and on the field. The Parish Council have installed a litter bin at the entrance to the field for people to use, or take the litter home.

There are various bird boxes around the field. Unfortunately two owl boxes came down in the strong winds. One is irreparable but the other is being repaired by William Barns and will be put back later this year.

The den building equipment has been replaced, but is being moved outside of the designated area and causes problems when the field is cut. Parents are asked to help their children to put it back, so others can enjoy it too.

The firework night was a great success.

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council have planted a White Beam tree near to the entrance of the field. The Social Club will be opening on the 2 June and will light the beacon in line with other towns and villages throughout the country.

Cllr Jan Palmer