**Chair’s report 2020-2021**

Thanks everyone for coming tonigh - it's been another strange year because of COVID, but as Julie’s report has shown we've still managed to raise a good amount of money and fulfil our aims regardless.

The 100 club, which is our main way of raising passive income, continues to be run by Kerry White. It's important that we continue to push this way of raising money and also look for more passive income streams because if COVID has taught us anything it’s that we can't rely on traditional ways of making money through events etc. Thank you very much to Kerry for all her hard work throughout the year.

Outside of the 100 club, the cookbook, organised by Susie, was our single biggest fundraiser of the year - so thanks very much Susie – it’s great to find ways to involve the whole community in our events and fundraising.

Opportunities for spending weren’t as exciting as previous years because no trips or visits took place, but we were still able to continue to support the school in our usual ways such as French lessons, the water cooler and year six leavers gifts etc. It's worth noting that on the whole the school is not always as proactive as it might be in asking for money and so we as parents and FOWS members should always be conscious of where we might be able to help and proactively make suggestions when we see potential spending opportunities.

It seems to me there are three key elements to the success of FOWS now and going forward: first is our relationship with the school; second, our interaction with the community, and third, the way we - the members of FOWS – work together and the effort we are able to put in.

I think if we can continue to maintain levels in these three areas then FOWS will continue to go from strength to strength.