

Report from the Telstar team for the APM 12 4 2023.

The teams main focus has been on delivering a monthly magazine, to inform the village of what's happening around our area and to keep up to date with activities in the village. This has been achieved this year after a change of editor. We welcomed Sarah McManus to the team after taking over in June of 2022. Sarah was new to the village and has brought a new style to the magazine since taking over as editor.

We would also like to say thank you to the PC also our MSDC and County Councillors for their continued support with funding to all our contributors for their support, without the contributions the magazine would be very difficult to produce. Also a really vital source is the contributions from our advertisers who support on a monthly basis and the income that comes is really essential to keep the magazine in production every month. Once printed it has to be distributed, we currently deliver to all residents in the village at the moment that is a total 1310 copies. This is a well established arrangement and once copies are received they are split down into various area's by Cathy and Keith Welham for delivery. So it's a big thank you to everyone who is involved with this part of the Telstar delivery. The main thing for this coming year will be to work carefully with the printer's Gipping press to ensure we stay on budget. I am sure all organisations will be looking at costs carefully as global pressures bring increases in the cost of energy and paper. We also have to absorb the costs as we produce more copies for our expanding village residents as more houses are completed.

At our recent committee meeting the Management Committee have made some decisions so we can move the magazine forward, Sarah has bought her own style to the magazine and bought in a lot of new material and working with Sally Wray our Treasurer has increased the advertising content. This is important as advertising revenue helps us with costs and production of Telstar.

Now what's new in the future, the committee have worked hard to take on board comments from residents, and we now produce big print copy for those residents and organisations that have asked for them. We also working with Dave Pring our village web master on a "Telstar Talks" version of parts of the publication that we can read on air, we are hoping to have this up and running very soon. Telstar is available on the village web site and this service will be an additional site.

Thanks also must go to our printers Gipping Press for all their work to get the magazine printed on time and out into the public domain. Also my thanks to all on the committee for their hard work and support to the magazine and ensuring that we have a high standard of publication to circulate around the village each month. Our AGM this year is on the 27th April 2023 at 7pm in the URC, refreshments available all welcome to attend, we are also planning for our 60th anniversary in August 2023. Telstar first went into orbit round the village in August 1963 so quite an achievement to all concerned.