

residents over 60 and the children from the village school proved the musical entertainment. The event will be held again this year on July 13th. Details will be in the Five Alive nearer the time. 19 university students benefitted from small grants for books totalling £300, and £1900 was paid out in Christmas Vouchers to village residents of more than 5 years and who had reached 70 years of age. Small gifts had also been provided to those residents unfortunate enough to have had to spend a few days in hospital.

11. **Sheppey Swifts F.C** - Last summer saw the reduction in the number of teams and children playing drop from 5 age group teams with over 60 children, to just 1 under 9's team with 13 children. A number of reasons contributed to this: education commitments for some players meant they would not have the time to commit and moving up in age group meant additional players needed for some teams, and there were just not enough children available. Our most successful team, who could have had a further 2 years left with Sheppey folded due to the loss of a number of their players being given the opportunity to play a higher standard of football. However the U9's continue to thrive and the club is aiming to rebuild itself with younger age groups

12. **Other Matters Raised :**

a) A request was made for the Lengthsman to clear chippings from the verges at the bottom of Brook Lane, following the recent 'surface dressing'.

b) Councillor Clive reported that the Youth Bus had been to Cropthorne and was well received. The clerk would contact the organisers advising the Parish Council fully supported the bus and would like it to continue.

A copy of the full report from any of the above can be obtained from the Clerk on 550687 or croptornepc@btinternet.com