

## **Haddenham Community Library AGM: Friday 30 August 2013**

### **HCL President: Simon Vickers' Commentary**

I am very pleased to welcome you all this evening to the first AGM of the Haddenham Community Library.

Rectory Homes is delighted to be a major sponsor of the community library since it came into being last November, following negotiations with Bucks County Council and a reduction in funding from the County.

You may recall that the launch was led by our local MP, John Bercow, and since then things have gone from strength to strength. Steve and Emma will say more about this in a moment.

We now have a partnership with the County and support from the Parish Council, both of whom are represented here this evening. The County and Parish are providing financial support and we have two professional staff – Emma and now Mel who has replaced David since he was promoted to be manager at Winslow. The County grant covers much of the staff costs but the library is responsible for running costs and the extra part of the staff costs.

For that reason, the library needs to attract support from local organisations and businesses.

You will see from the Honours Board in the entrance how well local organisations and businesses are involved. I hope that this will not only continue but develop further for this year and the future. I am very pleased to note that our sponsors and supporters are represented here this evening. Please make yourselves known and have a chat. If you have contacts with others who might join the cause, please let us know.

And now I hand you over to Steve Sharp who chairs the trustees of Haddenham Community Library.