

Entertainments Committee Report 2014

The Entertainments Committee is an informal sub-Committee of the Management Committee. Three members of the Entertainments Committee, Adrian Green, Melanie Goldman and Steve Beer, are also on the Management Committee but it is not a requirement for membership and it is open to anyone to become a member, contribute ideas and to help at village events.

During the reporting year, four significant events were organised by the Committee beginning with the Teddy Bear Picnic Scrumpy Stroll in May. We had a gloriously sunny day and more than 75 adults and children, plus numerous teddy bears, strolled over a picturesque route with frequent rests for cider and soft drinks. When we were half way round we had ice creams, children's games and a group photo of the teddy bears and their owners. The afternoon ended with a return to the Village Hall for a BBQ and drinks at the bar. In all, the scrumpy stroll raised a total of £212.

In June, we held the Music Festival on the Playing Fields with a gate of more than a hundred people, who were entertained by musical talent from the Village plus an excellent Band called 'Soul Agency'. We managed to hold a number of field events between frequent heavy rain showers, including tug of war and bale tossing competitions and so we were able to award the prizes that had been held over from last year's Festival when it was too wet for the competitions to be held. The music festival raised a total of £840.

In September, there was a 70's Retro Night with food and music inspired by the decade. The evening was greatly enjoyed by everyone and we had a colourful turn out of fancy dress with many imaginative and artistic costumes. Although we only sold 36 tickets, we did manage to make £378 from this event. A raffle was held on the night for the Village Defibrillator Fund and this raised £78 for the Fund.

The Christmas Fun Night in December was very well supported and we were entertained by a real variety of acts by members of the village, including the hilarious finale by 'Blokies in Coats'. The entertainment was followed by a 'bring and share' supper and games for the children. The Committee would particularly like to thank everybody who performed on the night and gave us all such an enjoyable evening. The evening raised £77 for the Village Hall and the raffle raised £ 155 for Children's Hospice South West

The Annual Quiz, which was held last Friday, was a little later than previous years and so falls into the 2015 financial year; the Quiz will therefore be reported in the 2015 Annual Report at next year's AGM.

In addition to these events, the Bar has been opened for the regular First Friday Social Night; twice for an evening celebration following the Frithelstock Indoor Rowing Club Ladies record challenges; for a Birthday Party; for the presentation of the Runner-Up prize in the Best Kept Village Competition; and for a lunch and an evening Quiz to raise funds for Parkinson's Disease research.

Together, all these events and the bar, (excluding the latest rowing challenge and the recent Quiz, which both fall into the new financial year), have contributed just under £2500 towards funds for the Hall; the Committee would like to thank everybody who was involved, in whatever fashion, in organising and putting them on.

The events that we are planning for the coming year include a Scrumpy Stroll on Sunday 25th May and the Music and Beer Festival on Saturday 21st June, when the band will be Wild Strawberries. We have decided not to have another retro night event this year but instead there will be a Halloween Party on Friday 31st October, which we hope will include a largest and best decorated pumpkin competition. Pumpkin Seedlings will be made available for sale for the competition once we have a bit more warm weather.

If there are any other types of events that you would like to see organised in the hall, or if you would like to be involved in helping with any of the events, please don't hesitate to talk to a member of the Entertainments Committee.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank everyone in the village who has attended the various events we have organised during the past year; we hope that you have enjoyed them and thank you for your continued support.