

## KHVA EVENTS REPORT 2017

Since our last AGM, we have been both extremely ambitious and very successful with our various events. As always our aim is to raise funds to continue our regular village activities and also to assist local charities.

The main event of last year was the Mid Summer Music festival which took place in June and was held in Bottle Meadow by kind permission of David Bond. This was for the village with the aim of bringing everyone together.

It was organised and managed by Colin Fowles and Simon Dore, but was supported by all the committee members and many villagers who unstintingly gave their time and energy to making this a huge success. Thanks also has to be given to all the local sponsors and businesses without whose support, this would not have taken place. It is estimated that around 500 villagers attended; the children enjoying the various activities and inflatable obstacle course. The Village Association managed the beer tent and entertainment provided by the different local talent that continued late into the evening. The BBQ was provided by the guides and ice cream and sweets were provided by Knowl Hill Stores.

We are hoping to do a similar event in 2018 but this will only be possible if we have sufficient volunteers and helpers.

In July 16 the Pantaloons Theatre Company provide their hilarious interpretation of Canterbury Tales which took place in the grounds of Knowl Hill Grange and this year they provided their version of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Attendance this year reached nearly 200! Many thanks to Ted and June for allowing us to use their field. The Importance of Being Earnest is the 2018 Pantaloons next production which will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Other events during last year included our annual quiz and an Old Time Music Hall, which was produced by the Gas Light Theatre Company the latter inviting the audience to participate in some of the well-known songs.

The Village Association supports St Peter's Church Annual Raffle, which incorporates a children's party. Father Christmas paid a visit to the delight of the

children and was followed by everyone singing Christmas carols with Ted tinkling the ivories.

Our local church, St. Peter's, held its annual carol service just before Christmas and the Village Association provided the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

In January 2017 we started the year with the murder mystery Murder on an Ocean Liner, with two professional actors and many budding actors from the audience participating. Many attendees dressed in appropriate 1920s outfits.

By popular demand a Race Night was held in February. This was very well attended with a lot of enthusiastic support generated for the runners. Thanks to Colin for managing the equipment and David, Gerry and Bob for managing the tote.

I am very pleased to announce that we are launching our Film Club this autumn. Films shown will be popular Oscar winners and family shows. Our first programme will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and repeated on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm. Attendance will be by membership only and details will be circulated very soon.

As Chair of the Events Committee, I would like to thank the team without whose help and support, the Village Association would not be able to deliver this wide and varied programme of events. The current team is – Lesley Bell, AY, Ted and June Sulley, Colin Fowles, Sandra Baker, Ann Griffin, Kim Simmons-Hodge, Debbie Fredericks, Sue Sanger, Dawn Gray and Ella Pucill.

If anyone would like to join the committee or wonder what is involved, please let me know.

Lesley Bell