

Notes from 2018 Gala Wrap-Up Meeting

Apologies for absence from Anne Cutforth (Village Hall Committee AGM)

Financials:

Central pot profit for distribution was £1,946.54, 73% up on last year

Groups raised £1,329.56, a total of £3,276.10, 31% up on last year.

Donations/sponsorship were a significant boost this year as well as good raffle receipts and excellent turnout due to the weather and packed programme.

Activity Review:

The overall plan works well- no change to basic format/schedule needed.

Friday: Soul Night

- Much enjoyed by all; band was an improvement. Good idea to have wristbands on the door for £5.00

Saturday; EGT

What went well:

- Good Old Days Theme
- Jerry did very well (some say.... ;-))
- Good participation
- Right pace
- EATS Mini play performance

Improve next time

- Stop people talking at the back of the marquee
- Keep selling entrance tickets after it started- thanks to Karen and Chantal for going round with a bucket to collect from people who sneaked in for free

Music fest, Sunday

- Good attendance from outside the village especially
- Food sold out, almost all beer and cider sold
- Attendance tailed off early evening
- Despite one band pulling out, other bands filled the gap-maybe 6 bands is enough

Fete, Monday:

What went well this year:

- Keeping the games separate- more space on the grass and safer for kids and families to sit. Relieved stallholders from another task
- Strictly Come Jousting- appealed to all ages and we saw many new faces taking part
- Generally a more diverse group attended; all ages, not all from the village
- D'Ukes of Rutland filled the tent
- Maypole dancing was as popular as ever
- Pet Show was very well attended

- Bottle stall- special thanks to Peter and Marilyn- raised £300 for the pot
- Spitfire Flypast

What could we do to improve next year:

- Some feedback that there wasn't enough entertainment for children. Not all agreed with this, but stall holders could add their own children's game or pastime next year
- Organisation and set-up of the games area was a bit "last minute"
- Bouncy Castle needs more help- next year have a rota of 30 minute shifts of supervisors and bell to announce the end of sessions. Have a hand stamp for £2.00 for all day entry.
- "Floaters"- volunteers able to lend a hand at short notice were available to help but didn't know it was needed. Announce on PA next time?
- Raffle- licence needs renewing and if we offer extra prizes we should give them. Timing of draw not critical but we should consider this when we print next year's tickets. Tim to apply for dedicated licence with ENDC. Cost will be £60.00.

Thanks to all who made this year's Gala a great success, especially Alex and Cinzia and their staff, Lux Technical, and everyone who helped organize it and supported on the day.

2019 dates: Thurs 23rd- Mon 27th May 2019

First planning meeting to be called in January- TN

Tim Nicol
26th June 2018