

Chairman's Report 2009

Welcome to our AGM particularly to new faces around the table.

Sadly this year we are missing Graham Artley who for many years has been at the forefront of our Committee. Graham although not able to be with us still takes an interest in our activities and still remains very conscious of our viability and future successes.

Terry Homer has taken up the Treasurers role and I would like to personally thank him for what was seemingly a seamless transfer.

Also I ask Fran to pass on our sincere thanks to Graham for leaving the Society in such a good financial condition.

Our aims as a Society are to uphold the traditions of an Annual Feast for the benefit of the local community and through fundraising and community events I hope everyone agrees this year once again has been a success.

Our year started last December with Santa's sleigh and this has become an expected annual visit to the Parish.

Next was the Panto in January which was a sell out with the audiences asking for more. Helen Mason and her team are to be especially thanked. This is a production very much enjoyed by everyone and could possibly be a biannual event.

The Pancake Race followed in February which is another event which seems to be fixed into the Community diary.

These events - together with The Race Night, The Duck Race, The Riverside Walk, Quizzies and the 'exceptional' Firework Display, for which the Committee must thank 'The Black Horse' for their generous donation, Howard and Hazel for the use of their field and Dave Tarleton Hodgson and his team for their hard work and attention to detail show that as a Committee we are encompassing our objectives.

The patronage, sponsorship and support from individuals and companies are as always very much appreciated.

The Feast week this year was a full week with the benefit of our newly reopened Pub and the addition of a Rounders Match, an Adult Fun Run and an Evening Church Service. In Particular the Evening Church Service was a lovely finale to the Feast week.

Looking back at the year's activities is quite exhausting but I would like to congratulate the Committee and in particular the members who 'just get on and do' for their enthusiasm and commitment and believe we are upholding the Feast Traditions for the benefit of fellow Parishioners and visitors.

Roll on 2010