

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to our AGM

May I firstly say that it is with much sadness that tonight we are missing our President Celia Clarkson who died last month. Celia as we know has been a serving committee member for many years and has been our President since 2003. The Queen of the raffles she will be very much missed but I am sure there will be moments during our meetings or during the Feast week itself when we will reminisce about what she would have said, done or wrapped us over the knuckles for!.

Well 2010 was another successful year for the Feast. Our popular regular fundraisers of the Santa Special, pancake race and quizzes have become expected scheduled events. The ducks did not swim this year but maybe in 2011.

In January we organised a Community Meeting with other committees within the village. The general feedback was good and it opened up the opportunity to share ideas and get to know about the other committees within the village.

Rural Arts came to the Village in March with a production of Holmes & Watson "The Farewell Tour" a very enjoyable evening.

The major fundraiser for the year was the Auction of Promises which was organised by a subcommittee of both the Feast and the Church. This raised over £4,000 which was split equally between the two organisations.

Last but not least of our events is the Fireworks display. Once again an exceptional display and a big thank you goes to Dave Tarleton Hodgson and his team.

Actual Feast week once again was a success and epitomised Village Life with something for everyone. The Feast as an organisation is for the benefit of the community and although we as the committee organise and run the various events it is not at the exclusion of the rest of the community and therefore it must be emphasised that anyone living within Kirkby Fleetham, Fencotes, Scruton and other neighbouring parishes can become involved.

The Feast Week has many memories for many residents and keeping the traditions alive and juggling the constraints of modern day living can be challenging but not impossible. The atmosphere created around the Feast week is a combination of the committee's hard work and the enthusiasm of the community to enjoy their Annual Show. I have been honoured to be Chairman for the last three years and thank you for support, enthusiasm and readiness to keep Kirkby Fleetham Feast at the forefront of the community's activities.

Here's to 2011 and the 110th Show.

