

# **Kirkby Fleetham Floral and Horticultural Society**

## **AGM**

**November 23 2011**

### **Chairman's Report**

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Firstly can I say welcome and a big thank you to all those who have helped me in my inaugural year as of Feast Chair. Flying blind at times, the knowledge that as a committee we share an innate knowledge of what needs doing and when, ensures events happen and not much is forgotten! The show of support in organizing, delivering and attending Feast events highlights the strength and depth of that support and I hope you will agree with me that it doesn't fall on one person throughout the year to do everything but that with every individual doing what they can means successful and fun events can be put on throughout the year without too much sweat, blood and tears. So thank you to you all.

It is this formula which I think will continue to encourage community participation and we need to be mindful moving towards 2012 of the barriers that make it harder for people to get involved with helping organize the Feast events as well as attend the event being mindful that you can't please all of the people all of the time.

The website continues to provide consistent good source of information about events. Thank you to Margaret for updating it so consistently.

Darren has set up a Face book page so to keep people up to date using popular social media tools so do follow if you know how.

### **2011**

There have been seven Feast events throughout the Feast year with over 41 hours of fun and easily 1500 people have enjoyed ( not all just us you see)

2011 has marked the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kirkby Fleetham Feast and special attention has been paid to ensure that this major miles stone did not go unnoticed.

#### **1. Santa Special 2010 –**

As ever, this event is loved by the children. An excellent turnout of support and generous support from the community with donations going towards children's activities on Feast Day

*Note* Children to be accompanied by adults. Hi vis jackets to be worn by Feast members and Only Feast members and children accompanied by an adult should be allowed to knock on doors. Children must be accompanied by adults and must stay behind the vehicles and not run ahead. I suggest a note to this effect on the school fliers for 2011. Also the pub may want to be more involved again this year being mindful the date is so close to Christmas but also that it is difficult for parents with children to attend the pub after the event because of the time.

## **2. Pancake races and pancake competition – February**

The younger children and village expect this event but more thought needs to be put into how to manage the event in the dark.

*Note* Leader of the Rainbows, Jane Henderson has indicated they would like to participate this year but that we need to speak to her early on to organize the event. I suggest we do this as a way of doing it slightly differently. Also careful consideration needs to be given *to the* timings of event so that it is not too dark as this is dangerous.

## **3. Royal Wedding Feast - April**

It was agreed that the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Feast would be marked with a special event. This was a Ball at Solberge Hall with music being provide by Freedom Disco with 110 guests and a theme which coincided with the celebrations of the Royal Wedding. It was a great evening and even had coverage in the D&S. Many thanks to the organizing committee; Ginny, Amanda, Alison, Dave and Sarah for organizing this event.

*Note* There have been calls for a similar event to be held again but we may want to wait a year!

## **4. Feast Week – August**

**Feast week held its traditional mix of sporting activities and talent show in the run up to feast day**

- Sports extravaganza

- Rounders – rained off
- Quoits
- Indoor Bowls
- Adult Fun Run
- Talent Show

*Note* whilst these events were attended I suggest careful consideration is given to next years Feast Week to try and change the format to suit the changing tastes, time commitments and enthusiasm of the community. Next year fewer better attended events with an Olympic theme may help to encourage better participation.

## **5. Feast Day - August**

Feast Day continues to be the biggest and best attended event throughout the year with an estimated 1000 attendees and consistently high level and quality of entries in the classes. The good weather helped the high turn out

## **6. Rural Arts: Rocking Horse Winner**

A hugely successful play which has received excellent reviews helped the event sell out before the day with people being turned away from the Village Hall.

*Note* the same theatre company are putting on a play in the spring and we are waiting to hear back from Rural Arts to confirm availability. Note that the room can take a maximum of 72 seats when staging in erected and that the a warm meal beforehand goes down very well with the cast!

## **7. Fireworks ad pumpkin competition**

Organised by the Feast but with support from the Black Horse pub this event has become a highlight of the year with people coming from outside Kirkby Fleetham to attend.

The quality of fire works was exceptionally high and many people committed on the high standard of the event for such a small village. We are very grateful to Dave Tarleton Hodgson and his team, Darren from Freedom Disco for his continued support of Feast Events and the Black Horse for providing the venue, food and support.

*Note* Issues still exist concerning the welfare of nearby animal and especially the horses close to the village which can not be removed before the event. Careful consideration needs to continue to be given to give Mrs Robertson verbal notice of the event and help to ensure the fire works minimize the distress to her horses. The Feast need to continue to clear up after the fireworks after the event to pick up any debris they may have ended up in the horses field as if digested the plastic could cause the animals serious harm.

### **Thoughts for 2012.**

Being an special Olympic year consideration may want to be given for 'Its an knock out' style event down by the river or on the village green.

As you know because of family, life and work commitments I am unable to continue in the role of chair for 2012 but will continue to support Feast events.

### **Chairman's report Ends.**

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