

EASTON FUND AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

21st MARCH 2024

During 2023 the EFSC together with the PCC organised 3 major village events at various times in the year as well as running the Big Breakfast every 2 months.

Coronation Celebration

Our first event was a celebration on the playing field on 8th May in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles 111. We had a village picnic and donation bar, there was a bouncy castle, games for all and a craft tent for children.

We all listened to Henry Mayer's band called White Crown who were excellent.

The traditional Easton Welly throwing competition was won by Henry Mayer for the men and Rebekah Bell for the women.

There was a particular winner who received a specially engraved medal. Jimmy Gray won the over 80s sprint and received a certificate along with his medal. Well done Jimmy.

There was a toast to King Charles III and a piece of Coronation cake for all made by Hannah Yates, Vicky Arbuthnott and Katie Turner. Many thanks to them all.

The day finished with a great sing a long accompanied by Phil Bell on the keyboard which was enormous fun and we were grateful to Phil for playing.

Special thanks were given to Mac Baker who saved the day with his generator when it seemed that either the Band or the Bouncy Castle would have to be sacrificed.

Also thanks to Geoff Messenger who always does so much behind the scenes at our village events. The Coronation celebration was a free event put on for the village so there was no profit made.

Wine Tasting

Our next event was a Wine Tasting in September which went ahead despite having to be done remotely by Zoom when Jeff Garland from Whitchurch Wines caught Covid just before the night. Despite that hiccup the Wine Tasting went very well and we had grazing boards for supper. Before the day Jeff advised that we should have spittoons strategically placed around the Church for wine that people did not like. At the end of the evening all the spittoons were empty. We made a profit that night of £162.77.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Our final event of the year was the ever popular Mulled Wine and mince pies in December which produced a profit of £286.00.

We have several events planned for the rest of this year including a village afternoon tea in the Church on Easter Sunday at 3.00 p.m. There will be a full afternoon tea buffet provided with Easter Eggs for the children. On 29th June we have a Safari Supper with Cocktails. There will be starters at Grange Croft, mains at various homes in the village finishing with dessert at the Church. On 23rd and 24th November we have play written by our very own playwright Simon Malivoire called "*Only in Easton*". I won't give anything away but it looks like being great fun. We have our usual mulled wine and mince pies on Sunday 8th December.

Big Breakfasts take place on the second Saturday every 2 months. In the last year, despite steeply rising costs of the food items, we have raised

approximately £800 towards the Church insurance bill. The next breakfast is on 11th May.

We have a balance presently in our account of £2,482.85. A calendar of events planned for the year was circulated around the village at the end of January.

I would like to thank all my Committee for their hard work throughout the last year, especially our Treasurer, Karen Nesbit-Farren and Secretary Simon Malivoire. Everyone's efforts have been very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the village for attending and supporting our events.

Kathy Yates
EFSC Chairman

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