

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting – 7:30pm on Friday 16th March 2012

Chairperson's Report

Welcome everyone. 2011 proved to be another busy year for OPRA.

The Comwich village sign went up in March, this was jointly sponsored by the Parish Council and OPRA.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Quiz which again was very successful; a special thanks to Amy and David Gardener for working so hard to compile the Easter Egg Hunt Questionnaire.

A fete was not scheduled for 2011, instead a Summer Ball and Casino Evening was planned with the support of Matt at The Anchor. The evening was enjoyed by those who attended; it was light hearted and an opportunity to dress up and join in the fun.

During the year the excellent walks and talks took place – a big thank you to Barry and Tina for organising the walks and to Mervyn Brown for continuing to book such interesting speakers.

A special 'History' walk took place during October. This was supported by quite a few people in the village, most of who contributed and shared their knowledge of various buildings in the village as we walked the course. Many thanks to Barry Leathwood for organising this.

The Firework display was enjoyed by all, fortunately the forecast of bad weather held off for the event.

The final item on the year's agenda was the senior citizens Christmas meal! The Village Hall looked delightful and the meal was superb. The senior citizens enjoyed entertainment provided by David Gardener and a special visit from members of the Comwich Community Choir.

OPRA provided the usual huge Christmas trees for Comwich and Steart, both looked spectacular. The lighting of the tree lights at Comwich proved exceptionally entertaining as Ray Howard very kindly brought his beloved cow 'Buttercup'. A hard act to follow !!

The Friday Coffee mornings, the Community Choir, Chat and Chill for our youngsters, the weekly Art Classes led by John Bailey and the monthly Village Market, all initially funded by OPRA, have gone from strength to strength. .

To sum up – a truly successful and enjoyable year and thank you to everyone for their continued support and enthusiasm.

Robert Palmer,