

Events Group Report – PC Meeting 5 December 2023

The Christmas tree lighting event was held on Saturday 2 December. As usual it was a great success, enjoyed by about 100 local residents both young and old (and in between).

As previously advised, the tree cost £200, the decorations etc have come in within budget (final numbers to be counted).

The tree erection team, led by Colin Stride and Matt Patterson, got the tree up very quickly, decorated by Mairead, Marianne, Luca, Hughie and Amy. Gareth's ladder was again an invaluable asset in the erection.

Mulled wine and warm mince pies went down very well; the WI did an amazing job of fuelling everyone and making everyone welcome. Thanks especially to Chris Stride for coordinating. £82.56 was raised from donations towards the mulled wine and mince pies, which has been transferred to the PC's bank account.

Children and adults were asked to decorate a handprint of themselves, which Amy will collate into a tree to display. The intention is to create a tree representing the hands of the community of Oliver's Battery.

The children also redecorated suncatchers from previous years to go on the tree.

Tom Foster led some carol singing on his guitar and there was the usual spectacular rocket firework.

Well done to everyone involved.

Thanks to St Marks for making their facilities available and hosting the event.

The next event is the Easter Egg Hunt, so the Events Group and helpers can all have a well-earned little break for now!

Recommendations

The PC send their thanks to Amy (on behalf of the Events Group), Chris Stride (on behalf of the WI) and Marianne Foster (on behalf of St Marks Church).

Cllrs to do decorated handprints to contribute to the collection representing the hands of the community of Oliver's Battery.

