

## Secretary's report 2018

We started the years events off with our Halloween party in the village hall! We had lots of slimy spooky fun, and enjoyed wrapping some adults up to make mummies!

Bonfire night was a big success with our costs nearly doubling due to the increased cost of insurance and the worry of other local bonfire and firework displays being held on the same night. We had a really good night with 500 attendees and the chuck wagon in full flow! I also want to say thankyou again to all the people that help, we could not hold this event without all of their support.

Then we moved onto the Christmas party where we had 33 children attend the Christmas party where we played games and coloured and danced the afternoon away! Of course father Christmas stopped by to deliver the children's presents!

In December we organised a bus trip to York for the Christmas markets, which was popular, but more popular when we had the bus trip on the Sunday.

In January, 26 of us headed off to Richmond to see the pantomime, the wizard of oz.

In February the older children of the village were invited to there roller-skating party which was again popular.

On Easter Sunday the Easter bunny came to visit our Easter trail. The children all went away with chocolate eggs and Easter sweets.

On Easter Monday we held our main fund-raising event in Masham town hall. We had lots of different stalls, tom bolas, tray bakes, cakes and sandwiches. This Easter fair was as popular as ever.

Finally, we held our village gala on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. With the time of the football clashing with the gala a last-minute decision was made to move the time of the gala forward so people could still watch the football in the afternoon if they wanted too. The gala was a good day and was still well attended, with the stalls in particular the crockery smash stall being popular. Children enjoyed the races and there was plenty of tea made at the church stall.

The evening BBQ was a great night, with everyone sharing BBQ tongs and utensils! The tug of war was well fought this year! And the egg throwing was as fun as ever!