

West Hagbourne Village Association Annual Report May2014-----May 2015

The annual judging of the front Gardens in the village took place in July 2014. The judge, the landlady of the Horse and Harrow pub, was impressed with the variety of attractive gardens and finally chose the winner, 1, Main Street, belonging to Mike Freeland and Julie Hornsby.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Association was held on 13th November, 2014 at the Horse and Harrow when some new members were welcomed to the Committee.

Chairperson: Val Walton, Vice Chairperson: June Little

Secretary: Margaret Leishman

Treasurer: Keith Walton

Other Committee Members: Pierre Aller, Malcolm Brownsword, Robert Griffiths, Marion Judd, Betty Kendrick, Ted Kendrick, Ian Leishman, Bridget Pickup, Eva Pinkova, Hazel Rack

The Committee wish to thank Hazel for her valuable contributions as Secretary over the past thirteen years and welcomed Margaret who offered to be the new secretary. Sadly Ted Kendrick died at the beginning of May this year. He will be greatly missed by the Committee who sent their condolences to Betty and family.

Village Defibrillator.

The Village Association with the help of Dave Totterdell produced and distributed invitations to the meeting concerning information about our Village Defibrillator at Hagbourne Village Hall on 8th January 2015. Refreshments were provided. A donation was made by the Village Association towards the restoration of the kiosk where the Defibrillator is now installed.

Dragons, Judging and teas afternoon at Chapel Hayes on 2nd May 2015.

The annual West Hagbourne Dragon Competition to celebrate St. George's Day took place 18th April to 2nd May 2015. Thirty dragons appeared in front gardens including the amazing dragon in the pond. Many thanks to all who produced such a variety of dragons and to Mike Parker and family who once again put the enormous dragon in the pond. Many visitors from far and near were attracted to view these spectacular dragons. Carol Hackett, the judge, had a difficult task. Her decision was:

1st Prize: Broomsticks

2nd Prize: 1, Manor Close

Children's Prize: Horse and Harrow

Highly Commended Prizes: Maureen, 6 Manor Close, and Cornerways

The prizes were awarded by the chairperson of the Village Association at the tea party held at Chapel Hayes by kind invitation of Mr. Mrs. Leishman. Approximately sixty people enjoyed delicious cakes and drinks. Prizes were given to all children who came in fancy dress.

Many thanks to Malcolm Brownsword who displayed photos of all the dragons and organised a People's favourite dragon competition, won by Mr. Mrs. Little of Lenton. Malcolm's audio visual production of the dragons was appreciated by all.

The Village Association welcome new members and new ideas for the enjoyment of our villagers. Please contact Val Walton 85089 or June Little 850094.