

## **Brockenhurst Gateway Leader's report**

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We have had a good year at Brockenhurst Gateway. There has recently been an increase in membership which is good to see.

A new activity was a gun dog display which we had at the Cat and fiddle PYO. It was a lovely evening and the dogs put on an excellent display for us. We finished off the evening with KFC which was lovely.

We have enjoyed our annual strawberry picking with New Forest Gateway to end the year and we had KFC which was enjoyed by all.

We recently got together on a bleak rainy day in August for the Brockenhurst Carnival. Our theme this year was Noah's Ark which was quite appropriate. We dressed up as animals and we had some excellent costumes. It was very damp so all the stalls left and went home. But the good news was that Brockenhurst Gateway won the award. Well done and thank you to all who turned out on such an awful day.

Our fundraising event in August went very well at The Crown, Bransgore. The weather in the morning wasn't too good but it turned out lovely and sunny bringing lots of people to our event. We raised over £1600 which was brilliant. The £250 first prize on the grand draw was won by our very own Kelly Tizard. Well done Kelly.

Events that we are looking forward which are coming up soon are a visit to the Waterside theatre on the 4<sup>th</sup> November to see Oliver, our open evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the Christmas dinner dance at Hobourne on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, bingo with New Forest Rotary in January.

On our open evening our club members will be hosting an evening of entertainment. There will be a buffet and raffle. We are hoping to entice new members, volunteers and sponsors.

Fundraising has been particularly good with a lot of support from The Crown, Bransgore, our members and their carers. Fundraising events coming up at The Crown, Bransgore are a Christmas raffle on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> and the annual auction on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>. We have already acquired some very good lots.

Our members continue to enjoy our usual activities and are looking forward to pumpkin carving, photography, and bug box making. From September we are also starting rehearsals with Cynthia for another blockbuster performance hopefully to be held near Easter time.

Thank you to all your support