BONFIRE NIGHT

1 WHAT IS IT?

Organising a bonfire and fireworks display in the village. It is held in the field opposite the school.

The event involves ensuring all authorities and local residents are informed, setting up the field with gazebos, stalls, electrics/lights, selling tickets. The children design posters which are displayed in the village. Adverts are placed in the village magazine, the Courier and posters put up on all roads into the village. On the day it involves setting up and running the event. Gazebos and tables have to be put up in the morning and have to be packed up that night.

A few weeks prior to the event we host a "Build a guy afternoon" where the children in key stage 1 build guys for the bonfire. This is done as part of the school day and we ask the "male role models" in the children's lives to come in and help them build them. These guys are then put on the bonfire on fireworks night.

The following day is spent clearing the field.

The event is held in November, as near as possible to 5th (on a Saturday), from about 4.30pm – 6pm.

A lot of manpower is required to host this event – especially marshals to ensure everyone is kept safe and people on the road helping out with the traffic.

2 HOW IS MONEY RAISED?

Mainly via ticket sales to the event. There are some stalls selling glow products, raffles, face painting. There is also a BBQ, bar, tea and cake stall, candyfloss, toffee apples. This event raises around £4,000 to 5,000 in funds for the PTA each year (depending on the weather).

3 FORMAT OF THE DAY?

- The committee set it all up in the morning – along with anyone willing to help put up gazebos / tables – this usually takes 4 hours
- Electrics and lighting people arrive mid-morning to set up - gazebos must be up when they arrive, else they cannot start work
- Fireworks company arrives about lunchtime to set up the fireworks
- Event starts about 4.30pm
- Fireworks around 5.30pm
- Gazebos taken down in the dark ☹

4 CAN I WATCH?

Of course this is what fireworks night is all about.

5 CAN I HELP?

They are many ways in which you can help:

Become a committee member:

Currently 4 parents are on the committee for the summer fayre. The planning starts around July and some of the key responsibilities are:

- Assigning who will be responsible for what
- Informing the authorities that the event is taking place and ensure we have a first aider
- Risk assessment
- Liaising with local residents (we use the field, electricity, water for free)
- Communication to parents of the event, getting children to design posters, arranging for Mrs Hayward to judge the winners, laminating 21 posters and putting up in the village.
- Putting the main posters up in the village (and ensuring they stay up)
- Ensure we have someone to do the electrics / lighting
- Doing the food/drink shop for the Bar / BBQ
- Ordering glow products and items for the stalls
- Source material for the bonfire & build it
- Arrange a mufti day to collect for the tombola's
- Cajoling parents to help out and organising a rota of helpers for the day

Each committee members spends approximately 25-30 hours organizing this event

Helping on the day:

There are many ways you can help on the day such as:

- Helping on a stall (face painting, tombola, glow products)
- Serving / Cooking food & drinks at the Bar / BBQ
- Run the candy floss stall
- Marshalling – the fire / the roads
- Help us set up – gazebos, tables, etc
- Help us clear up the next day – the field we use is used for sheep, so we need to clear all firework remains the next day – not a pleasant task!

For further information or to get in contact with the committee, please contact:

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