

Hatley Village Association – 2022 / 2023 annual report

In September 2022 Carole Cooper restarted the HVA and then handed over the chairman's position to (myself) Linda Hudson in January 2023.

We would like to thank Carole for all her work in getting the HVA running again.

Coffee mornings have been running in the village hall on the first Tuesday of each month, numbers are slightly lower than usual – due to the Coronavirus outbreak, some regulars still feel uncomfortable meeting in an enclosed space; hopefully now the warmer weather is coming, we can sit outside in the garden.

2022 / 2023 events

Pop-up pub – including the St Patrick's night social (11th February).

We have introduced a Friday evening pop-up-pub (*The Old Hatley Arms*) they have been running well, people have been commenting on how lovely it is to have a bar open in the village. The first pop-up event was on 4th November, the second on 20th January.

We do feel we need something more to bring people in, that is something we are going to try in June 2023, which will include a summer BBQ.

Harvest Festival in conjunction with Hatley St George church service (2nd October).

The event was very well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The village hall was decorated, scarecrows were made. The end of day auction was great fun.

Christmas Shindig (formally Christmas Tea) (3rd December)

Another very well attended event. It was lovely to see so many people socialising and enjoying the afternoon. The children were entertained with a craft table and Father Christmas made a visit distributing a small goodie bag for each child.

Thanks goes to the HVA and all the Hatley volunteers who donated food for the Harvest Festival and Christmas Shindig. The food tables looked amazing with all the hot soups, sandwiches, savouries, salads, cakes and nibbles.

The raffle on both events was very well supported with lots of tickets being purchased.

Valentine's Pub Quiz (11th February)

This was a very successful evening, the hall was full of people, the bar and raffle were very well supported. Steve Greenhalgh did a fantastic job as compere. We had lots of positive feedback – the only negative point was people attending would have liked the bar to remain open a bit later so they could have a drink and chat after the quiz.

Pancake race (19th February)

Unfortunately, this did not take place as we did not have enough people attend; it was the first year since we started it up it had not been very successful.

2023 events

Easter egg hunt (9th April)

Lovely Easter service at Hatley St George church followed by tea/coffee and cake in the village hall.

Easter craft table was set up for the children along with egg painting, children had to paint one egg with their name on it, which they had to find on the playing field.

We also had an Easter bonnet competition with lots of lovely bonnets to judge. Then onto the playing field for egg and spoon race and egg hunt. Great fun for children and adults.

King's coronation (7th May)

This was a superb day and the sun shone. The gazebos on the village green and the village hall were all beautifully decorated, the BBQ's were lit and the celebration began. Neighbours, friends, families and children all had a wonderful time.

Thank you to everyone lending us gazebos, BBQ's, games and for helping make the day a very special occasion. Thank you to Sue Wright for the wonderful coronation cake, Sue makes fantastic, themed cakes for all our events.

Hatley diary - June to December

Coffee Morning every first Tuesday of the month.

Pop-up pub and summer BBQ (16th June, 6 to 10 pm).

£10 adults/£5 children.

Price includes – hamburger or hotdog – vegetarian option – salad – coleslaw – dessert and one drink from the bar. Alternatively, for anyone not wanting to partake in the BBQ, the bar will be open for everyone over the age of 18.

Summer Fête (9th July on the playing field).

Pop-up pub (8th September, village hall).

Harvest Festival (1st October, village hall and in conjunction with Hatley St George church).

Race night (10th November, village hall).

£5 entry on the door – licensed bar.

Christmas Tea (3rd December, village hall).

Pop-up pub, Christmas social (22nd December, village hall).

Mulled wine, mince pies

Facebook, WhatsApp and the Hatley website are great for advertising our events.

Thank you to everyone on the HVA and all our volunteers for your help and support in getting our events organised.

Linda Hudson
HVA Chairman
16th May 2023