

Headley Voluntary Care Garden Party..... A Great Success !!

What an achievement! The Headley Voluntary Care Garden Party which took place at John and Liezel Evans' Sandown House in Mill Lane Headley on 14 July was a cracking success and achieved all that could be desired from such an event.

The attendance was exceptional with over 100 people arriving in an assortment of cars, young and old, fast and slow, sleek and windblown.....exactly like their occupants one could say ! Better still, a number of people who couldn't make the day because of other commitments bought entrance tickets anyway to show their support for the charity So all in all there was an excellent gathering of friends and members of the charity to give their support for the evening.

The weather was very kind ; the day before, it rained ; the day after it rained ; but on the day itself, it didn't rain and the sun shone upon the righteous below. The gleams of sunlight lit up the Evans' beautiful garden to great effect..and the birds sang their heads off.

The food was delicious, made or masterminded by Liezel herself. Some of her little cakes and delicacies made the mouth water. The hot dogs cooked to perfection by the Barbecue Master Chef Paul Heath, were fat and juicy, and I know he sold out because I failed to get a third helping! Anyone asking for a burnt sausage received a withering look from Paul. 'My sausages are cooked to perfection', he said 'though some are more well done than others.' He is bigger than me, so I agreed with him and ordered a second helping.

The main objective of the evening was of course the chat . There was no let up in this category, not for one moment. It is amazing how everyone seemed to know most of the people there, or had heard of other people who represented other community groups within the villages of Headley and Lindford and elsewhere. It was a bit like Midsomer Murders, but without the murders, of course ; well as far as I know..I didn't search the bushes.

But , down to the essential facts : the purpose of the party was to raise much needed funds for the charity, and the event certainly came up trumps. Sales of tickets raised well over £500, wine and other drinks nearly £100, and the raffle was a mighty success, raising £250. After expenses, the evening raised £670 for the charity's coffers, and Chairman John and Treasurer Keith were and are delighted at the result.

The committee would like to thank all who came to the event or gave donations, and those who offered raffle prizes. But most of all we thank John and Liezel for their kind hospitality, and hope that their house and garden were not too badly trampled upon !

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