

Marhamchurch Christmas Tree Committee – Annual Report 2023

Committee Members

Chris Hutt – Chairman

Cathy Bowley - Treasurer

Kerstie Hunter – Secretary

Mike Logan

Bob Taylor

Iris Ford

The Committee held its AGM on 19th January 2023.

Sunday 4th December 2022 was the date for the Christmas Tree Lighting followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Bray Institute with party bags for the children. The local children at Marhamchurch Primary School took part in a colouring competition with the winners lighting the tree.

Each child at the school had a star with their name on the Christmas Tree and this year villagers could also purchase a star in memory of a loved one or someone they couldn't be with this year.

Carols around the Tree took place on Christmas eve.

Each year we try to raise enough funds to cover the costs of the Christmas events whilst keeping a reserve in our account. Along with grants from the Parish Council and Revel Committee we hold fundraising events throughout the year to achieve this. This includes quizzes in the Bullers Arms, the selling of Christmas Cards illustrating a view of the village which the Village Shop and Bullers Arms kindly sold on our behalf. Also, the selling of the Red Memory Stars. We would like to thank everyone for their support which has seen us cover all our costs. We look forward to seeing you all again at fundraising events this year. Thank you all.

A big thank you to the Revel Committee for the grant from last year's Revel.

We did not apply for the Community Chest.

We have just held a quiz (Coronation Weekend) which was very well attended.

Future fundraising events planned for this year are Quizzes in the Bullers (August – Revel Weekend) and Oct/Nov time. Selling of the Christmas Cards and Memory Stars. We continue to have collection boxes in The Village Shop and The Bullers Arms.

Please look at our Facebook page for any other forthcoming events.

Marhamchurch Christmas Tree accounts

1st January – 31st December 2022

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Grants - | £0 | |
| Fundraising - | £492.80 | |
| Donations - | £ 25.15 | |
| Costs - | | |
| Christmas tree | | £135.00 |
| Entertainer (cancelled last minute) | | £0 |
| New lights for tree | | £25.00 |
| Additional costs | | £35.87 |
| Totals | £517.95 | £195.87 |
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| Nat West bank balance | £1,955.88 | |
| Petty cash | £39.15 | |
| Total funds | £1995.03 | |

