

# Exhibition Report 2017/18

The 7th year I've been doing this job and I can honestly say that this year our Exhibition was the best I can remember.

It didn't start out quite like that. We learnt that the Tythings was being partitioned about 18 months ago and we started looking around for a new venue.

In the end there was only one real alternative that we would be able to afford and that was The Village Hall.

Would it be big enough? Would the obvious lack of passing traffic impact us? Would we get any visitors? Would the move to mid April be the wrong decision? Two days instead of three?

Believe me, these things kept me awake at night the closer we got to the opening. And then our Judge goes and injures his back so couldn't make it!

Marketing was mainly through Keith distributing our flyers around the networks and a massive amount of Facebook advertising

As it turned out the size of the Hall was perfect, with over 400 attendees the apparent lack of passing traffic just didn't impact and moving from the second weekend in May to April worked as once again the Yateley Manor School May Fair attracted virtually all the potential visitors.

Jay Charnock once again was our Judge. Congrats to the winners, Margaret and Chris, Jim (twice) and of course the marvellously talented winner of the Mayor's Cup.

We sold almost £820 worth of Raffle Tickets where after prizes are deducted allowed us to share the profit with Wells for Uganda to the tune of £325

We collected £305 on the sale of Francis's Photos

Profit for club after hall hire and other expenses - £195.51

Huge thanks to everyone who helped. The feed back I've had is that you would like a predefined roster so people can sign up for a couple of hours at a specific time. I've tried this in the past and found it difficult to fill all the spots, but I'll try it again next year. Failing that I'll take your car keys off you for safekeeping when you arrive!

In any case big thanks go to...

Chris, Chris, Chris, Roland, Dave, Steve, Rick, Kerry, Malcolm, Simon, Libby, Kate, Carolyn, Ed, Alex, Phil, Graham, Andrew, Alastair, Colin, John, Alan, Helen, Tony, Keith, Francis and

all the people who helped construct and deconstruct the racks and stuff. If I've missed you off, many apologies.

So that's the biggie dealt with. As usual we had our Pop Up Photo Studio at the Village Christmas Market and once again it turned out to be very successful. Thanks to Libby and Gary our photographers and the usual suspects for helping out again.

This year the Yateley May Fayre happened after the Exhibition so were able to display winning images. Thanks to Dave Nicholl for managing this as I was away. Special thanks to Phil Morely for the continued use of his big tent.

The final event of the final event was the drawing of the raffle which as I said above had £820 worth of sales. So my final thanks go to all the members who sold tickets, without your efforts none of this would be able to happen.

Simon