

REPORT FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE 2012/2013

The year began with three events in rapid succession, the Dunton Green Fun Day being the first. The congregation and committee provided large amounts of home baked cakes and biscuits for this popular community building event. It was not as well attended as the previous year as the weather was rather threatening. We had a high wind to contend with and there was no gazebo to shelter under when the inevitable rain caused us to run for cover, with the cakes, to the pavilion!

This was followed by the Induction. With a bit of help from M&S and the flower arrangers, the events team provided a stunning party table of food which was much admired. It was a well planned exercise and there was enough food to go round.

A week later the Olympic Torch passed through Riverhead. We were charged with providing a refreshment stall and like the Fun Day only asked for donations as it was a community event. Food was kindly supplied by the congregation. We were rather nervous about this as we had no idea how many people would turn out, and would there be enough food? In the event all was well, we had enough cakes and did not face a riot situation!

The Riverhead Carnival in September was another rather bleak and windy affair. St Mary's was seen to be taking part in a local event and a small profit was made. Many thanks to all those who provided preserves, produce and baked goods to sell. Thanks also to those who manned the stall.

Harvest supper was a bring and share event. The variety of food was amazing, a lovely supper. We had a seasonal quiz based on foods. The Christmas carols were not a victim of the weather this year and mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed after the service.

In January we had a belated Christmas party. Again it was a bring and share event, time to say goodbye to all the Xmas fare. For entertainment we had some sketches performed by the congregation and a seasonal quiz.

By the time you read this we will have had our Easter breakfast, after a very early start due to the clocks going forward!

My thanks to all my helpers during the year, especially Susan Allender, Ruth Merson, Hattie Hill, Kathryn Woodward, Nicola Joyce and Margaret Nicholas.