



## **Chairman's Report 2017**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Community Day was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June to a day without rain to spoil the event. With over 80 contributors spread throughout the town, there was much for the residents and visitors to engage with. The 3 halls were busy along with the undercroft of the Market House where the Brass band opened the event and performed to much appreciation from the crowd. During their rests, the bell-ringers played out various tunes on the portable bell.

It was also a first for the Rugby ground to be involved for Soccer and Netball demonstrations.

The Ledbury Mayor did her best to visit all the Participants which is no mean feat across the town in the 4 hours of the main activities.

The Participants have been asked for feedback about the Community Day and 15 replies have been recorded, all positive with some suggestions for the next year which will be reviewed by the Committee. It is this strength of support that keeps the team together to prepare for next year's event.

The Finance of this event is managed by the Committee within the constraint of making it free for the Participants to join and that policy will remain while the support from local business and Council continues. A full account of the Income & Expenditure is presented separately by our Treasurer .

The brochures were supplied by Heineken again and due to them being delivered earlier than expected, the 2500 copies were distributed well before the 10<sup>th</sup> June. The schools, Ledbury Primary and John Masefield High School, were again able to distribute most of the copies to their students.

In previous years, typesetting ( or Programme Composition) of the brochure had been done by Mr C Whyld but he not being able to do it this year, I was fortunate to get the owner of Ledbury Focus to carry out that task and I am extremely grateful to Betty at Grapevine Productions doing this work promptly and smoothly.

The Committee is a band of volunteers who believe in this idea of growing support within the locality for as many groups and disciplines as possible which makes the town of Ledbury more vibrant and engaging, but without the commercialising effects found with other events such as Festivals. However some finance is required and my thanks go to Ledbury Town Council for a grant of £300 and thanks for all the gifts in kind recorded in the Treasurers Report. My thanks also to Nicola Heath – Corporate Affairs Manager- Cider for the task of arranging the printing of 2500 brochures.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Committee and Volunteer Stewards for making the whole Day to be so successful and they are:

Treasurer: Griff Holliday

Secretary: Norman Stanier

Member: David Hewitt

Member: Nick Morris

Member: Clive Gunn

Typesetting: Betty-Ann Ambury

Stewards: Jane Gunn, Liz Harvey, Ellie Hill

Paul Kinnaird

Chairman of Ledbury Community Day Committee

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017