

Chairman's Report January 2022

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Events team for putting on such a wonderful Santa's tour after the disappointment of the Xmas Fayre being cancelled because of severe storms.

So many people were involved but I'll start by thanking Cllr Jane Barnes for her artistic creativity producing the reindeers and artwork which adorned Santa's sleigh so beautifully.

The sleigh was made possible by the skills of Cllr Alister Wait for his skilful creation of the sleigh.

Then, gratitude to David Payne for being the modern-day Nigel Mansell of the tractor world

The Elves for their tireless devotion to making the kids smile, Angie on board the sleigh, Tracey and Barbara hiking along with it accompanied by Doreen dressed as a Xmas tree

The coastguards for their superb driving with their blues on ahead and behind the sleigh

A special and poignant thank you to Val and her late mum, who sadly died shortly before Xmas, for organising the children's presents.

If the occasion had gone wrong the Chair of events would have carried the blame, it didn't, so Cllr. Bev Reynolds deserves the praise for such a successful event

I'm sure, however, that she would wish to thank her Vice Chair Di Spray and all the people on the Events team who contributed to a very successful event and also to our Parish Clerk Doreen who, as so often, worked on the preparation and organisation of the event so thoroughly, keeping us within Covid guidelines and health & safety law. It's great when a team works well together and produces such a positive outcome.

The sight of the smiles on the children's faces made it all worthwhile. I can let you into a secret, the sight of the excited wheelchair bound youngsters laughing and rocking back and forth brought a tear to Santa's eye!