

## January Family Beetle Drive

The Beetles ran amok in Horseman's Green on Friday night, as the Community Group hosted a Beetle Drive. We're not talking about a spin in the iconic Volkswagen Beetle car, but that game so frequently played at parties and family gatherings back in 'the good old days'.

Memories being what they are, and with a bunch of youngsters more used to the electronic pads, the night began with a resume of the rules: shake a six to start for the beetle body; (yes those archaic items called a dice and shaker were used). Once you had the body then the six legs could be added all requiring a throw of a 3; whilst the two wings needed a 4. No antennae or eyes could be drawn until a head was secured on the throw of a 5. All good old fashioned fun, but it has to be said it took a couple of rounds before all ( including the organiser) became au fait with the rules, then it was full steam ahead as the dice was passed fast and furiously around the table

An absolutely delightful evening as squeals rang out – a body or head was secured! What was particularly special was the audience included several grandparents out for a night of family fun with their grandchildren, leaving parents' at home for a quiet night in.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments were served at the interval. Thanks go to Jackie, Horseman's Green own catering expert for taking charge of this side of the evening. With an optional raffle included the evening raised approximately £140 for the Community Hall fund.

Whilst Friday evening was a night of light entertainment, the previous Saturday the Community Group hosted a Posh Coffee morning with a more serious tone. Chris Griffiths a local North East Wales Search and Rescue volunteer gave an illustrated talk on this essential fourth emergency service. It is hard to believe that such an important service is dependent upon volunteers, many of whom are retired, but are willing to be on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year. Not only that it has to be self financing receiving less than £1000 per year from the Welsh Government. It was certainly an interesting and very thought provoking talk.

Thanks go to all who attended, donated cakes and helped at this special coffee morning which raised nearly £100 for the organisation.

These two socials have certainly set the bar high for the year's social calendar in this small but active community. Follow activities by checking out the website:

hosremansgreencommunity.co.uk or Facebook. All are welcome at the organisations Activity Groups and socials