

MUSIC FOR ALL

Will you remember where you were on the evening of Saturday 18th July 2015? A lot of people will because they were at the Grange Community Centre. This was the Music For All event organised and produced by Hurworth Village Hall in conjunction with Hurworth Community Association. It had been a less than summery morning weather wise, and a group of stalwarts had struggled to erect gazebos while the wind counteracted by blowing them down again and black clouds gathered on the horizon. Then as if by magic it all came right on the night with the sun shining to the extent that sunglasses and eye-shades were required. The wind dropped and gazebos were in place. We were ready to rock.



The entertainment kicked off with the Hurworth Concert Band, led by Bob How, giving their all with Songs from the Shows. This was followed by Julie & Dave playing Country and 50's through to the present day, Willow Creek playing Country and Blue Grass and then the big finale featuring The Classix playing 60's, 70's right through to current hits. This saw all Hurworth of all age groups up and rocking, line dancing, and having a ball.

Eric Laycock was an excellent compere bringing with him his own musical renditions to add to the atmosphere. Much wine and beer was drunk and picnics consumed. It was an evening for wandering around and finding friends to have a chat with, soaking up the atmosphere, between dancing and singing the night away.

When it was all over groups of people were seen with tired children (and older people) making their way home through Hurworth after an amazing evening. Some hardy folk stayed over and camped there for the night. Sunday morning saw the same stalwarts back early taking down the gazebos and clearing up the mess. By Monday it was if it had never happened apart from the memories and the photographs. Hurworth had made it clear it could be more than a quiet residential village given the opportunity.

Watch out Glastonbury!! On behalf of the Village Hall and the Community Association, thank you for coming and supporting the event. The Organising Team hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and we look forward to seeing you all again at next year's event on Saturday 16th July 2016. Put it in your diary. Now. The Organisers would also like to thank the Events Sponsors; The National Lottery and the Parish Council as well as Barclays and Lloyds Banks for their support.



During the evening a bucket collection was taken and this raised the fantastic sum of £470 from the generous people attending. £320 was donated to the N.E. Air Ambulance and £150 to the Village Hall of which £50 was donated to the All Saints Church Bio Mass heating Appeal. Very warm and sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Forthcoming Village Hall events at the Hall are the VH Quiz special on Friday September 18th (7.00pm) and then a stunning musical presentation of vintage fun 'Around The Wireless' with Judith Hibbert on Saturday 31st October (7.30). For further information about these events phone Barbara Lawrence on 01325 720177. For further information about the Hall, the activities and availability for your parties etc contact Barbara on 720177 or Lynne on 720694.