

KING'S SUTTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION REPORT 2015/16

Fundraising in 2015

Summer Madness

It was a glorious day in July last summer when the Playing Fields "Summer Madness" fete opened with a display by Danielle Buick dancers. Everyone had a lovely afternoon, which culminated in the Kiddies' Disco followed by the Family Disco in the Millennium Memorial Hall. The Messy Church and Charity stalls for Guide Dogs for the Blind and BARKS Animal Rescue were also well supported. Over a thousand pounds was made in aid of the Playing Fields Association and the Tennis and Football Clubs were able to raise money for their own funds too. It was lovely to see so many villagers having such a good time and supporting the event. The Playing Fields Association committee would like to thank all who helped with the Summer Madness organisation and all who came.

Fireworks Display

The annual village fireworks display in November went off with the usual bang – well, quite a few bangs in fact! Besides a spectacular show and an awful lot of noise, last year's event featured a licensed bar, BBQ, hot drinks from the Boys Brigade and Barbara Monks' tombola. Kind weather brought out a record crowd of around 750 people and an excellent time was had by all. There was great news for local causes too because the money raised for the Playing Fields by the show amounted to a whopping £1,500-plus. In addition, the Boys Brigade earned around £200 from its hot drinks stall.

Most of the money raised went towards the maintenance of the village's hugely important sports facilities at the Playing Fields. As always, though, some of the proceeds were set aside to support other much-loved local charities. The committee again made a donation to Katharine House Hospice in Adderbury and showed its support for the parish church's spire appeal too.

The Playing Fields Association committee would like to offer its sincere thanks to the Fireworks sponsors in the village, who made a massive contribution to the success of last year's display:

- The Butchers Arms
- Cherwell Valley Silos
- King's Sutton Tennis Club
- Farthinghoe Fine Wine
- The Hall Coffee Shop
- Geoff's Mobile Mechanical Services
- Neo Health
- Richard Harper – Commercial Lets and Carrots
- Village Shop & Post Office
- The White Horse

Car Park Extension

The Playing Fields Association committee last year applied for (and won) a grant from the S106 funds arising from the Banner Homes development off Banbury Lane. The money was spent on extending the Playing Fields car park. This work has now been completed and the car park should be large enough to obviate the need for the sports club members and visitors to park on the busy road to Charlton. The committee would like to thank King's Sutton Parish Council for recommending its grant application to South Northamptonshire Council.

Fundraising in 2016

The Playing Fields Association will again be organising two major fundraising event thus year:

1. **Summer Madness** – A traditional village fete on the Rec, followed by discos in the Millennium Memorial Hall in the evening: Saturday, 23 July 2016 from 14:30 'til late.
2. **Fireworks Display** – On the Playing Fields of King's Sutton, the best value, most spectacular fireworks display in the district: Sunday, 6 November from 17:45 'til 19:00.

Social Media

The Playing Fields Association has a Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/KSPFA/> – to keep residents of King's Sutton and the surrounding area in touch with its activities. To date, the page has 128 followers. Anyone else who has an interest in keeping up to date with news of the village's vital sports facilities is invited to join them by navigating to the page and hitting the "Like" button.