



Welcome to the Active and In Touch Newsletter for Volunteers and Members.

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Active and In Touch Volunteers support at Glastonbury Festival

This year Active and In Touch supported Glastonbury Festival when a group of volunteers took on the role of stewards. Known colloquially as “Glasto”, the five day festival was inaugurated in 1970 by Michael Eavis, and prior to covid was an annual event with a “fallow” period every five years or so.



A&IT Team led by Amelia and comprising Marjory, Tracy, Debbie, Radek and Rachel, plus staff from Frome Medical Centre busy.



Traditionally it hosts not only contemporary music, but also dance, comedy, theatre, circus, cabaret and other arts. Over the years, leading pop and rock artists have headlined alongside thousands of others appearing on a range of smaller stages and other performance areas.

This year was definitely no exception. There were performances by Paul McCartney, Billie Eilish, Diana Ross, Kendrick Lamar and The Undertones to name but a few.

Returning after an absence of two years because of the covid pandemic, the Festival attracted a record crowd of 142,00 which certainly kept the site extremely busy. It was extremely hard work for them all, working long hours, often in less than ideal conditions. One commented “I think a fair reflection of the week was that it was a bit of a mixed bag - some great bits and some bits that were tough-going. There were high points of a couple of great bands and a lovely final afternoon ‘up on the hill’ chilling out watching the start of the deconstruction instead of joining the very long queue to leave the site”.

Thank you so much to our amazing volunteers for all of their perseverance and hard work at Glastonbury, which has resulted in a contribution from the Festival to Active and In Touch funds.

The picture shows Marjorie, Alison, Tracy and Debbie on duty.

Hilperton Recorder Players perform at Keyford Heights

Jane Lever became an Active and In Touch befriender during Lockdown. Although resident in Westbury Jane decided to take action when she heard from her member, Kaz, who lives at Keyford Heights in Frome, that its entertainment budget had been cut. For seven years or so, Jane has been a member of the Hilperton Recorder Players. This group originated with teachers and parents at Hilperton Primary School, subsequently encompassing additional recorder players from the area around Trowbridge and Westbury. Jane asked her fellow musicians if they would entertain at Keyford Heights; they happily agreed and so the memorable event occurred on Tuesday 12th July. A group of Keyford Heights' residents were thus fortunate enough to hear the first public performance by the recorder group this year. It comprised a selection of pieces prepared for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, which took people on a tour of The British



Isles, via such popular tunes as: England – Greensleeves, Dance to Your Daddy and The Ash Grove; Wales – Suog-Gân and All Through the Night plus various Scottish Reels and Irish Jigs. The finale was Feed the Birds from the musical "Mary Poppins". Over the years, the Hilperton Recorder Players have performed in a number of local Care Homes and primary schools, where they have supported recorder lessons as well as putting on a show. They may well return to Keyford Heights to entertain residents again!

Members of the Hilperton Recorder Players from left to right Christine, Sue (with a Great Bass recorder), Marcia, Cathy, Jane Lever (A&IT volunteer), Lindsey, Barbara and Alice (who has a Contra Bass recorder).

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A BIG THANK YOU TO ACTIVE AND IN TOUCH VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS.



A huge thank you to Jane Wood, Brendan Lynch and Dinah Bardgett whose efforts during the Open Gardens in Frome Festival raised an amazing amount - in excess of £600. So, not only did visitors to their gardens enjoy the beautiful flowers and scenery, but members of A&IT will also benefit from the proceeds of their bucket shaking. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

If you have any information to share with Active and In Touch volunteers please contact Patricia Baker on: patriciabaker4@outlook.com