

A photograph of a stone wall with an arched window. In the foreground, there is a large, dense arrangement of red poppies on a wire mesh structure. The text is overlaid on the image.

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THE HARRY POTTER CUP QUIZ 2014

This year's Potter Quiz followed the particular style and format which has become popular, as usual having a theme which this time was **Commemoration and Celebration**. After some deliberation, the question setters sorted the possible questions into four rounds and a marathon consisting of various related items including a craft competition, which could be worked on by teams while they had a supper break; food prepared by a few HVRA Committee members and friends. A thank you is extended to the latter in particular, as the Committee was thin on the ground for various reasons beyond their control.

Al Bowyer is to be thanked as the principal think-tank and organiser. Al spent an enormous amount of time on his computer putting all the questions, answers and recordings on it, in order to



make it easier for teams to check on everything on the screen; thus avoiding restating questions and to keep the Quiz flowing. Well done Al and thank you. We all appreciate this input each year.

Dory Morgan provided craft sets for team model-making connected with the theme. There were entries under both theme headings with some touching and inventive models (see photos), ably judged by Mary Perkins. The MC was the indefatigable James Perkins who mastered some Russian and walked round with the microphone all evening, not quite losing his voice. Thank you to both Mary and James

The real stalwarts of the evening were the ladies who catered all evening, coping with all the platters set out for nearly one

hundred quizzers, washing up and coping with a leaking self-defrost fridge which made the floor hazardous. Could we have more helpers next time, please? Thanks to Rosemary Hewitt, Carol Palmer and Alison Burnham. Alison Gieler, Yvone Cawte, Daphne Hicks, and Mary Wright helped in the afternoon, while several other helpers set up the tables etc.

The team winners were a small team of only four contestants(see photo) from Downley, who were congratulated and each presented with two bottles of wine. At this point there was some awe that such a small team, comparatively, won, and they were congratulated with enthusiasm. Hearty cheers! At this point the microphone almost died a death and Angus saying thank you was only heard by a few after the photography session.

Question setters were Al and Christine Bowyer, Daphne Hicks and Angus and Janet Idle

The Harry Potter Quiz is organised every year to enable the Hughenden Valley

Residents Association to fund the annual entertainment for the Senior Citizens of the village. This year just under £500 was raised for the next one in May or June 2014.

Thank you to everyone who participated in whatever way and we will see you again next time, we hear!



Angus and Janet, on behalf of the quiz team, HVRA.

HUGH 'N' DEN'S PAGES

The Village Shop has a number of copies of a booklet published professionally, written by Frances H Wilding, entitled "My Country Childhood. Recollections of growing up in Hughenden Valley".

It is a short read but will give children and grandchildren a true picture of living here in the 1940s and 50s and the frugal times after World War 2. Some residents may have lived here too and it will trigger memories. For others who grew up elsewhere it will do the same. It costs £5 at the shop. Mrs Wilding grew up in Trees House in Trees Avenue.