



Community Lunch - Tuesday 8 December 2009

Yet another wonderful Community Lunch was enjoyed by around 56 residents in the village hall on Tuesday 8 December. These lunches are monthly affairs and this one was an end-of-year spectacular with a full turkey lunch, superb home-made pudding, wine, coffee etc, all for £5.....



Beautiful and welcoming tables

As always with successful functions, a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes to make the event happen; from planning (definitely requiring a meeting, lubricated by Jane's mulled wine), cooking two 21lb turkeys (delicious), laying up, washing up, clearing up etc, etc. The team worked into the night at the hall the previous day preparing the many and varied vegetables (approx 2 tons), lubricated yet again by Jane's mulled wine, but remaining in control - just. All this work is done by our wonderful Brandeston people notably in this case, our Chef-in-Chief Mary, who, with Richard and Eileen, and Sue T cooking the birds, were supported by the usual super stalwarts, such as Tony and Don putting up the tables which Sue E then set so elegantly, Jane providing great preparatory support and unflappable direction on the day and Anne as Galley Slave. Jackie O'B catered for the vegetarians and Jane also brought her superb camper van to the hall on the Tuesday to provide extra mobile oven capacity to supplement that in the kitchen.



Mulled wine to the fore

You can see below that the birds were about to be carved bravely in the public arena by Robin and Richard.....



Addressing the problem

An already delightful occasion was lubricated by wine and conversation - how does Brandeston do it?

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Brandestonians enjoying their day

Post-prandial activities included the Village 100+ Christmas Draw, together with the silent film `Dinner for One`.

Following the conclusion of the film, the day - which had started for our team at 0800 - was not yet over and continued whilst several hundred plates/cups/dishes/spanners, etc were washed and stowed by yet more volunteers; what an effort on our behalf!



Our Chef-in-Chief -at the end of a long few days!

Mary Moore kindly gave a much appreciated vote of thanks to all who had contributed to yet another splendid lunch and Eileen lead a rendition of `For they are jolly good fellows.....!`.

Nick Hayward