

## MerryMakers report 2013

MerryMakers underwent a few changes following the AGM in 2012. Several new committee members as well as a new chairman were appointed. The pantomime was run by Barry Marshall for the first time and the three editors of the Mercury handed over responsibility to Molly Barrel and Jakki Henderson.

The highlight of the year was the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee an event masterminded by Richard Barrell and which involved a multitude of volunteers. The sun shone on Membury on what was a memorable occasion as tea, was served to over two hundred people. This was followed by a fireworks display and barbecue, an event made possible by a great deal of hard work from volunteers too numerous to mention. Who could ever forget the photograph of our cover girl following the jubilee? The picture of the late Diana Byrde who joined in the fun as queen for the day, was unforgettable.. It must be remembered that she even managed to top that by leading her team to victory in the Quiz in November.

Moviola films which have been extremely enjoyable, have attracted reasonable audience numbers. The sale of ice cream made up the shortfall on ticket sales in most cases. MerryMakers intends to continue the regular film show which is considered a service to the village rather than a great profit making enterprise.

The boules competition was an innovation which it is hoped to repeat this year and included villagers of all ages. Other regular functions such as the New Year's eve party spring meal Sing for your health and quiz night have attracted a good turnout

MerryMakers looks forward to another busy social calendar of events which will involve both adults and occasionally younger members of the community. It is possible that there will even be an event exclusively for the younger generation, details yet to be decided.

The main reason for the existence of MerryMakers is the production and delivery of the Membury Mercury which has yet again been given a grant by the parish council to help with on-going costs. MerryMakers are grateful to the Parish Council, as well as to the many hands involved at every stage of production and delivery of the magazine, for the contributions which make this operation possible.