

Challacombe Bonfire & Firework Night.

Firstly, a 'Hugh Mungus' Thank you for all your generous donations, which amounted to well in excess of £200, and clearly made our display the best to date I think! We also have some money collected late which will kick-start next year's display. We hope everyone had an enjoyable time. The numbers in attendance are unknown but all that could be seen in the field was a sea of sparklers and woolly hats! Very pleasing to see such a fantastic turnout!. Our bonfire was pretty monstrous too - true to form of his Dad's Army namesake, Corporal Jones was starting to 'panic' at the amount of stuff accumulating to burn - it was a fair bit its true, but myself and John Clark got through it pretty well, and it certainly warmed the field up. We really did have the perfect dry frosty evening for it - pleasant for most to stay and watch the whole display which I'm told (by a couple of spectators in Riversmead kitchen window!) actually lit the sky for about 55 minutes! Afterwards the pub was absolutely packed keeping Liz and the team busy. There was also a number of people out in the road with their drinks - I think because there was no room inside, rather than Liz's Chanel No.5! Marc was also busy out-back keeping the kids supplied with their hotdogs, and some very good burgers for us which went down well, and particularly helped to soak up the whisky that some had consumed! Now for some thanks, - A big thank you to- The Rt Hon Corporal Jones MBE OBE BSE for the use of the field & for his superb fire-building skills, Marc & Liz for field access, Bryn & Maggie for the fab guy, Ron & Sue for obtaining the fireworks for us, & Christine/Rosemarie for organising that, CT for his box of fireworks, John Clark & Frank Barrow for helping me erect safety fencing etc, John again for manning the bonfire with me, and not forgetting our pyrotechnical trio, Keith Denby, Dave & George Pile. To anyone I've missed out, a huge thank you - and again thank you everyone for the generous donations - it would have been a bit dull without them!

Believe it or not, next year's display has already been discussed - and we will be ironing out a few creases that the committee is aware of, to make it an even better, safer and enjoyable evening, which could even include a very minor change of site to prevent the snow-shower of ash to some nearby properties! We all hope to see you there!! Best wishes, Matthew Webber. CCA