

# A Magical Afternoon

## Friends of Felpham Save Our Village Post Office Campaign

The St Mary's Hall was packed for a Magic Show starring the one and only Malcolm the Magician. He enthralled the audience, making them laugh with a series of diabolical puns!! The children sitting at the front were particularly enraptured. Eddie was recruited from the audience to act as Malcolm's assistant and nearly stole the show. He left with his own wand so watch out Felpham! A wonderful time, with refreshments thrown in as well. After expenses we made £381.85 towards campaign funds!



Friends of Felpham would like to thank all our volunteers, Deligo Eatery and the Bluebell Bakery for their delicious cakes and buns, and St Mary's for the use of the Hall. We would especially like to thank those of you who donated your tickets, 53 in total. They were gifted to the charity Family, Support, Work, giving families the opportunity to have a fun time together.

Family Support Work offers support to families in various ways – see their website familysupportwork.org. We use the word 'community' a lot when we're talking about the Save Our Post Office Campaign. Not wishing to dilute the message with overuse, but isn't that what we're about? Which brings us to an integral part of our plans for the Post Office – a community space, including an informal drop in, where you could swap a book, play a game of chess, pick up helpful brochures, host small group meetings, find some relief from a stressful day. We also have been talking to organizations such as Cruse and Sage House who are looking to extend their presence and provide services in the Felpham Area.

This space would be OUR space. We would welcome any ideas about how we could best use it for the community. What service or feature would be great to

have on our doorstep, especially if it didn't mean travelling to Bognor or Chichester. Please email your thoughts to [info@friendsoffelpham.org](mailto:info@friendsoffelpham.org).

Unfortunately, Malcolm the Magician could not magic from up his sleeve the money we need to buy the Post Office! We are going out to big business and applying for grants as you know, but all donations are very gratefully received. (Go to [friendsoffelpham.org](http://friendsoffelpham.org) to see latest funds raised.) And that doesn't mean just money. If you would like to volunteer, we're looking for people experienced, say, in law, or grant applications, and those with fundraising ideas and abilities! Anything you think might further the Campaign. And if there is anyone who would volunteer to be our Minutes Secretary that would be fantastic. It involves attendance at our regular steering group meetings. Please contact one of the Friends of Felpham Directors or ring, 07340874321 and leave a message. We'll get back to you ASAP. Thank you.

AN APOLOGY. We realized with shame that we had not consulted a very important element of our community - THE DOGS. So we have been capturing their thoughts on video which can be viewed on Instagram [@saveourpostoffice.felpham](https://www.instagram.com/saveourpostoffice.felpham) – please check them out, they have plenty to say.

Lizzie Mickery

### Answers to Easter Quiz

1. b. A Christian holiday
- 2..a. Because they were banned during Holy Week
- 3..c. Holy Week
4. b. A race
5. b. A fox
6. c. Palm Sunday

### Answers to the crossword

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