

Office of the Mayor - Atherstone, Warwickshire

Date: February 13, 2024

Subject: Atherstone Ball Game Report - 824th Edition

As Mayor of Atherstone, it is with great pride and pleasure that I present the official report on the 824th edition of the Atherstone Ball Game, held on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, 2024.

#### Crowd Gathering:

On this auspicious day, the streets of Atherstone bore witness to an impressive gathering of both locals and visitors, who converged upon our historic town centre in eager anticipation of the day's festivities. Families, friends, and spectators from near and far united in celebration of our cherished tradition.

#### Special Ball Ceremony:

At precisely 15:00 GMT, I had the honour of presiding over the ceremonial release of the specially crafted ball from the balcony, a moment that symbolizes the commencement of our beloved event. The ball, thrown by none other than Atherstone-born comedian Josh Pugh, descended into the awaiting crowd amidst cheers and applause, marking the beginning of spirited competition.

#### Competition and Celebration:

Throughout the afternoon, participants demonstrated remarkable athleticism, determination, and sportsmanship as they engaged in the spirited contest for possession of the ball. Amidst the fervour and excitement, the camaraderie among competitors and spectators alike served as a testament to the unifying power of this time-honoured tradition.

#### Victory of Alex Young:

After hours of intense competition, I am pleased to announce that Alex Young emerged as the victor of the 824th Atherstone Ball Game. His exemplary skill, strategic acumen, and unwavering dedication exemplify the qualities that define our community's spirit of resilience and sportsmanship.

#### Conclusion:

As the sun set on another successful Atherstone Ball Game, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and enthusiasm demonstrated by our community. The 824th edition of this historic event stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of our town and the indomitable spirit of its residents. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Alex Young and all who participated, and I look forward to continuing this tradition for generations to come.

#### Report:

Atherstone Amateur Dramatic Society Act 2 Event.

The Atherstone Amateur Dramatic Society Act 2 recently hosted an event at the Owen Street Community Arts Centre, showcasing their exceptional talents and creativity. This report aims to provide an overview of the event, highlight key contributors, and acknowledge the success achieved.

#### Performance Highlights:

The performance delivered by the Atherstone Amateur Dramatic Society Act 2 was nothing short of exceptional. The actors demonstrated a high level of skill and dedication, captivating the audience with their portrayal of characters and storytelling abilities. Special recognition is due to @Sarah Collins for her remarkable contributions, which added a unique dimension to the overall experience. Additionally, Ernie's incredible illustrations served as a captivating element, enhancing the visual appeal of the event and leaving a lasting impression on attendees.

Based on the success of this event, I wholeheartedly recommend attending the Atherstone Amateur Dramatic Society Act 2's next production. The enriching cultural experience provided by their performances is not to be missed, and I am confident that future productions will continue to exceed expectations.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the invaluable support and resources provided by various entities.

The exceptional performances, coupled with the support of various entities, contributed to a memorable cultural experience for all attendees. I look forward to future collaborations and continued success in showcasing the talents of the Atherstone community through the arts.

Sincerely,

Ashley Wickham-young

Mayor of Atherstone