

ST. CLEMENT BATTLE OF FLOWERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear friends and supporters

I am pleased to be writing to you on behalf of our newly elected committee and to share with you some of our plans for 2017. I am delighted to have been elected as the new Chairman and I am sure you will join me in thanking Jean Chapman for her dedication to the role over many years.

We are pleased to confirm that we will be returning the RJA&HS this year. We will be using the new building which will be replacing the marquee. Now that we have secured a building location, our attentions are turning to raising the substantial sum needed to ensure we continue to enter first class floats. We have many ideas for new fundraising events and our aim is to engage with a wider cross-section of the community and to attract more families.

Whilst the committee is only newly formed, some of our ideas for this year include:

- Regular bingo events
- A Northern Soul music event at the Parish Hall
- Monthly coffee mornings
- Family events such as Inflatables Day at the Parish Hall and a summer BBQ at the RJA&HS
- Grand Summer Raffle
- Sale of association sweaters bearing our new logo

We will continue to keep you regularly updated on our progress through newsletters, emails and our Facebook page. We are particularly interested in getting donations of resources that we can use to build the float and for costumes in order to minimise our expenses. Presently, we are particularly keen to gather any of the following:
walnuts, hazelnuts, dried agapanthus heads, pampas on long stalks, clear varnish, white emulsion, raffle prizes.

Thank you to everyone who supports us in so many ways throughout the year. We very much hope that this year we will be another huge success for St. Clement. We scooped 4 major awards last year and although the Prix d'Honneur has eluded us for the last few years, this is the prize we have very much in our sights. Marcus has once again produced a first-rate design and work will begin at The Glen in the next few weeks.

We hope to see you all at our coffee morning on Friday 17th February.

Kind regards

Graham Gibson

Chairman