



Report on Christmas Turkey Hamper Raffle 2023

It was a bumper year for the Luxury Turkey Raffle with £1130.00 raised to be divided between the Florence Nightingale House and the Dinton Church Fabric Fund. The money for the church will go towards making the current very muddy path safer and less slippery especially for people with buggies. We are very fortunate to have got a craftsman who will lay a solid path for us when the planning permission has been granted.

The Turkey Raffle is a great tradition in our Parish and I especially want to thank the donors who are very generous giving the prizes – Starveall turkey, vintage port, Dinton Folly, special Crackers, chocolates, Christmas Cake, Pudding etc, etc. Without these very generous donations we would be unable to run the raffle.

We would not have got very far with the Raffle if we had not had the amazing support of a few people who have sold tickets. Individuals living in Westlington, Ford, Upton, Gibraltar and Dinton who have gone to their neighbours and friends selling tickets. Well done to every single one of you – you deserve medals!!

The draw of the winners was made after the lovely music and singing at the Christmas Carol Service on 10th December. The first prize went to a couple in Westlington Lane, second prize to a family who live in Gibraltar and the third prize to a family in Westlington Green. All winners were thrilled and thanked everyone.

David and I have organised and managed the Raffle for many years now. It's a long and tricky job from applying for the licence from Buckinghamshire Council to printing tickets and distributing them, and then making sure everything is checked and kept to a very high standard of administration, and money deposited safely. We have decided it is time to stand down and let younger people take over from us. So, if you feel this very village event could benefit from your input please contact me.

With thanks for your support, Rosemary Jackson