

FOLSC GRAND MOUSE RACE



What a night we had! On Saturday, 11th September the Long Sutton Village Hall was packed with a loyal band of FOLSC members, supporters and friends all out to enjoy themselves while making money for a great cause.



The evening had been organised by FOLSC trustee Kevin Robinson and while few knew what to expect, we were advised it would be fun and we were not proved wrong! The logistics of the event were slickly handled by the Masquerade Carnival Club who clearly know a thing or two about rodent racing! Eight lanes were visible behind a Perspex screen and we all had the opportunity to become owners by purchasing a mouse and lane for each race by way of an auction. Each of the 8 races on the card was sponsored by local businesses and to add to the fun we could bet on the 8 runners having first checked out their form, whiskers and tail!



We soon got the hang of proceedings and fuelled by some excellent Long Sutton brewed Moor beer (who also sponsored one of the races), the mice were under starters orders and they were off in the Spar Sprint! With much vocal support, we nearly raised the roof and the winner was "First Class Post" who beat "Hot Croissant" by a whisker! The lane and mouse had been purchased by local land owner Robert Fry who saw a healthy return on his investment!



The evening progressed with the Flaunt Flutter while race 3 sponsored by the Lime Kiln achieved the highest owner's bid of the evening with several punters chasing after hotly tipped rodent "Big G". The Golf Club Gallop and the Devonshire Dawdle followed; by race 6 with the Moor Beer Meander, spirits were high – and Moor beer was drunk! Wessex Feeds Wander was won by the appropriately named "Rodent's Rations". Somerton's Stationery House sponsored the final race The Stampede, as well as kindly printing the race card.



The evening met all the aims of FOLSC – we had great fun, we had a drink (or 3), and we met with old and new friends. Most importantly, we made money. Lots of it. The old adage "Gambling never pays" proved correct, unless that is, you are the promoter! FOLSC were able to declare a whopping £954 profit on the evening to go entirely towards the fighting fund. Condolences to all who spent more on the evening than they intended but rest assured, it was all in a great cause.

Thanks to all who attended, to our generous sponsors, to those who donated prizes for the raffle and to the Masquerade Carnival Club and their thoroughbred rodents.

