

Elvis Night Fundraiser



On 14th September, after what felt like an eternity, we held our fundraiser at Hurst Cafe where The Almost Elvis Band took us on a journey to Las Vegas. There was plenty of excitement and dancing, and Anthony, who performs as Elvis, captivated the audience.

However, it wasn't a solo effort! Many helped behind the scenes by placing ads in local publications, distributing leaflets during garden centre collections, and encouraging family and friends to purchase tickets and assist wherever they could. Special thanks go to Sue West, who persistently placed posters in strategic locations and electronic ads throughout various businesses. If you had coffee at Carmeladeli, you couldn't miss our ad on the electronic rollover! She also wore a large handmade billboard and walked around the Carfax on 9th August during the Band's show sponsored by Horsham Council – photo attached. It generated significant interest, and my phone didn't stop ringing with ticket requests – well done, Sue!

David (Diddy) Hamilton, DJ on Boom Radio, opened the show and introduced our chairman, Mike Onley, who gave a brief overview of Parkinson's Horsham Branch and expressed gratitude to all attendees. Our former Conservative MP, Sir Jeremy Quinn, was also present and thanked for his support of the Branch during his tenure.

Another special thank you goes to everyone who donated the excellent range of food, which was beautifully presented as if done by professional caterers – very impressive. Selling raffle tickets was easy with amazing prizes including wine/choc hampers, restaurant vouchers, a 3-hour photo shoot session with our own Jeremy, 6-week free gym membership plus a personal trainer, and many other donations – too numerous to list. Diddy Hamilton also donated a signed copy of his recent autobiography. Many in the audience knew him from childhood – he had a fantastic time and gave us a “shout out” on Boom Radio.

Dennis has roughly calculated that we raised £3382 after deducting various invoices, which is excellent.

Finally, although organizing this event was personally challenging, I thoroughly enjoyed bringing it to life; it was indeed a team effort, and I am grateful for all the support given. As a wife and carer for my husband Julian, I am passionate about improving his quality of life and inspiring others to live each day to the fullest, even when some days are very tiring. Thank you for making this an excellent fundraiser – I couldn't have done it without you!

