

The Village Party on the Rec 3-4 June

The Village Party on the Rec over the first weekend in June seems a long time ago now, but it all ran to the plan and timetable in Gerry Hunt's **Flyer** delivered (by Jo and friends) to every household in the village and was hugely enjoyed by all those who attended.

Enthusiastic families again **camped** overnight and the **free BBQs** on which to cook your own food proved as popular as ever, and all to music relayed by Pete Cushion over his clever audio kit!

The one new feature of the Saturday evening was the **Tintinhull's Talent Show** where a large crowd enjoyed some remarkable entertainment, opened by Piers Buckhurst, whose talented singing of a Billy Goel number saw competing approaches for him to join the Drama Group and the Church Choir!

The star act was undoubtedly the Stokes family 'puppet' act with Sam & Tom up front, manipulated from behind a screen by Mum and sister Jenny, to suitably attention gripping musical tracks. Other talented performances from 'Old' Troupers, and the very young bodes well for some great fun on the New Village Hall stage.

Our thanks to those who acted as **safety numbers** throughout the night for the loos in the swimming pool. No risk of those falling asleep as the campers partied on until 0200!

And spare a thought for Eileen Boucher who cleans those loos year round as a community service. Thank you Eileen!

Sunday morning dawned bright (for some!) the **vintage cars and tractors** streamed in and we were soon into the **Swimming Gala** (Helen Manfield) and the **Tennis** (Adrian Dodding) and the **Cake Competition**, ably received and judged by Sue Creaney and Wendy Morley. The standard was extremely high, and the competition, especially in the Childrens' class, was wonderfully enterprising given the **Party theme of Nursery Rhymes**.

Medals for these were awarded by Wendy & Sue and for the **Fancy Dress Parade** by Flora Wragg & Philippa Loughran, along with those for the week long **Scarecrow competition** judged by Jill Harris and Adrian Dodding. (Prize winners listed at the end)

With the morning activities complete, the **Big Picnic** was launched along with the two kegs of **FREE Beer** so generously provided by Mark at the Crown & Victoria!

The afternoon started with a thrilling **Dog Agility** demonstration by Ruth Souter who operates from Bearley. Brave villagers tried their hand with their own hounds over fences and through tunnels and we can expect a significant increase in agility from the owners of the 25 dogs (15 girls, 10 boys) which competed for awards judged by Emily, from the Groom Room in Bearley, in the **Dog Show**. Thanks to Sarah Lavers who is more used to rounding up sheep but proved an effective 'Whipper In'!

The **rain** which arrived with the picnic, while not as heavy as last year, was more persistent, but did not deter any in the **Races** with heats required to cope with the number of child entrants for the (hard boiled) egg races, as opposed to the ever popular raw egg 'throw and catch' competition. Anette Lorch played 'mother hen' and organized an invaluable team of ladies to help in support. Our thanks to them all.

Happily medical assistance was not required for the hotly contested three legged races with Mums and Dads giving the children a run for their money! Results compiled by Flora Wragg in the rain on wet paper so please excuse any errors!

As the rain came and went, everyone seemed oblivious to it, especially those in the new attraction of a **'Games Tent'** where the fiendishly clever 'Table Boules' and the 'Infuriating Frog' , constructed by David Dalton, and the 'Electric Wire' (with horn sound effect) by Tony Wilkinson, kept young and old alike entertained. As ever we are indebted to Martin Wragg for an excellent **Photographic Record** which can be found on FaceBook via the link with the Photo Collage to 848 pictures!

The highlight, as ever, was the series of **Tugs of War**: Girls v Girls, Boys v Boys, winning girls v winning boys, Ladies' and Mens' finals and the ultimate test.....the Ladies against the Men. Despite the efforts of Ed Lorch and his support team to limit teams to eight, the final pull saw most of those present with a hand on the rope, and it proved impossible to

identify any losers, as everyone was a winner!

As if on time the heavy rain moved in as we finished, and given the even worse forecast for Monday we decided to leave the tents (and by now empty beer kegs) up until Tuesday. But it was not to be as during the course of Monday Nick Moger's **tent blew away** into Willy Lane and some stalwarts, lead by Wes and Hannah from Walters Farm, took the canvas off the Marquee in torrential rain which even Noah would have recognised. The main frame came down on Tuesday evening with thanks to all who made this light work, the heavy lifting being done by Brain and Steve Whitlock.

It is impossible to **thank everyone** who supported this event in so many ways and to those who attended and played such an important part in all the activities. While a list of some of the winners appears below we should remember the **event was sponsored** by our Parish Council, and the purpose (in the absence of a Village Hall) was to consolidate and stimulate our **village community** which was the REAL WINNER!

Honours Board

Scarecrow Competition – many great entries making the task for the judges very difficult, but the outright winner was Marilyn Smith's excellent Old Mother Hubbard at Lamb Farm, closely followed by Alex Perham's imaginative Humpty Dumpty at 4 St Margaret's Road. Highly Commended were the Old Vicarage Piers & Kate Buckhurst family's striking Little Bo Peep, and Sam & Gus Carnie's family, 31 Queen Street with their clever 3 Blind Mice.

Swimming Beatrice Harris, Florence Rawbone, Alice Pople, Ella Carnie, Noah Oxley

Tennis Evie Hill, Martha Harris, and Tom Stokes, Beth Carnie

Cakes

Children Imogen and Joshua with Hey Diddle Diddle

Florance Rawbone with Insy Winsy Spider

Megan and Ethan Morris with Baa Baa Blacksheep

Adults: Sam Carnie with Sing a Song of Sixpence

Philippa Loughran with Hickory Dickory Dock

Family: Katie Buckhurst, Toby & Libby with Little Bo Beep and her Sheep

Fancy Dress Spencer's Insy Winsy Spider, the Buckhurst family Owl and the Pussy Cat
And the Harris Family with Three Blind Mice

Vintage Car John Smith – MG TF

Vintage Tractor Brian Whitlock – Ford

Dog Show Excuse any errors – some dogs couldn't spell!

Prettiest Girl : Beatrice Musson with Fizz

Carole Parsons with Darcy

Paula Wright with Mini

Most Handsome Boy: Grahame Hansford with Harry

Inari Fitch with Whisper

Carol Pullen with Saxon

Dog Most like its owner: Verity Musson with Poppy

Carole Parsons with Dale

Melvin Wood with Steve

Dog Judge would most like to take home: Amelie Kieran's Oreo

Reserve: Jackie Baddows' Brook

Races Excuse any errors – rain stopped spelling!

Egg & Spoon u6 Olive Cremen-Ball, Arabella Harris, Stan Kelly

U9 Megan Morris, Ethan Morris, Jemma Davy

Boys Jacob Lewis, Florence Rawbone (? definitely not a boy!) & Tom Stokes

Girls Imogen Mould, Beth Carney, Bea Harris

Children 3 legged Harvey & Brice, Phoebe & Eleanor, Freddie & Tom

Mums and Dads Gus & Sam, tied – Lorraine & Ginge, Katie & Piers

Children Egg throw and Catch tied – Bea Harris & Freya Stone, Imogen and Joshua

Adult Egg Throw & Catch – Colin & Gus, Ian & Ray, Rebecca & Louis

Night Watchmen: Bless them all!

2230-0000 Louis Harris

0001-0130 Joe Graham

0130-0300 Steve Creaney

0300-0430 John Smith

0430-0530 Terry Loughran

0530-0630 Louis Wilson Chalon

0600-0730 Nick Moger

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