

# The Village Fete



Mention the "Village Fete" to the British and their heads will be filled with images of the Village Green, Cake Competitions, Pony Rides and Silly Hats,

Well we had it all! Guess the weight of the Ambassador? How many beans in the jar?, the children's Magic Show, Tug of War, Bouncy castles...even two local bands turned out to perform.

And where was it held... in the "Gardens" of course.

Following a conversation with Lady Cowper Coles, Philipa Kirkpatrick set out to recreate the traditional British Village Fete and succeeded "in spades".

Over 180 volunteers were recruited to assist on the day when over a thousand visitors came to throw balls at the Shy, Stick pins in the Treasure map and attempt to "Splat the Rat".

Hordes of kids had their faces painted, slid down the bouncy slide and came to sit on the mat and watch Shamsadeen the Magician pull a rabbit from his hat and sing along with Ian Johnstone, Canada's Musical Ambassador to kids!

Children of all ages were encouraged to join in the Egg and Spoon races and the Sack race. Slightly older participants took part in Tug of War, which was passionately fought to a glorious finish by the Tomado Tuggers.

Mickie & Minnie put in an appearance and in the margins even Father Christmas paid a visit, taking instructions for his December deliveries from all and sundry!

A wonderful day was had by all... proof that British Community spirit reigns supreme...long may it continue.

