

## Chilton Polden "Summer Fun Day" report

Beforehand we were eagerly watching the weather in the hope of summer sun. At the beginning of the week we were considering moving to the village hall but decided to wait until the Friday or Saturday to make the final decision, ever the optimist!

On Friday the weather forecast said dry so our decision was made – the show would go on and it would be on the playing field.

Sunday morning came, and so did the drizzle, but our band of helpers and committee members and families turned out to put up the marquees. We are grateful for Lewis and his colour coding without which we would have learnt the punch line to the joke "how many villagers does it take to fail to put up a big tent!?"

We were ready at 2pm with stalls brimming with kind donations of cakes, tombola and raffle prizes, a newly made "splat the rat" with some lively rats, all the fun of the fair from Catcott playing field, some amazing face painting, a bouncy castle and a number of other stalls.

Unfortunately the weather was ignoring the BBC forecast, apparently it wasn't raining but nobody had told the clouds, then as Peter and Bob went to the gates to welcome people onto the field, Phil and Chris opened the bar, Ian and Jane (don't blame them, they're from Edington) set up the drink and cake stall and Luke and Lottie started selling sweets, the rain began to clear and the sun came out!

Everyone who turned out had a great time hooking ducks, bouncing on the castle, eating gingerbread men, drinking doom bar, and losing on the tombola!

Not as many people turned out as last year due to the poor weather but we still made a profit to help cover the costs but more importantly we had fun outside which is the reason we cherish the playing field.

Our next event is the Firework Night and Halloween spooktacular on 31<sup>st</sup> October – we look forward to seeing everyone as usual!

If you would like to get involved and keep the field going, please get in touch, we need more committee members but also helpers for events. The majority of the committee are new in the last 18 months so if we have not been in touch please let us know as many of us are also relatively new in the village and do not know everyone.

We are also doing the food for Glastonbury carnival helpers, which is a busy but fun night and next year is our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday so we have lots of ideas to make the year special!

If you want to get in touch our email address is: [chiltonpoldenplayingfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chiltonpoldenplayingfield@yahoo.co.uk) - we look forward to hearing from you!

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