Blossom Day 2015

Blossom day in Lynsted's Park Farm Cherry Orchard took place on Saturday 18th April. Pip Neaves once again kindly allowed the orchard committee to host this family event on his farm, encouraging visitors to spend time in this traditional rural setting.

Despite the chill from the easterly breeze, the sun shone and the event was well attended. Just after 1pm, Bob Baxter welcomed everyone and then Tuxedo Jazz band enlivened the atmosphere with their rendition of 'All of Me'. They played 3 sets during the afternoon and were really well received by all ages.

Sioux Peto from 'Polka Dot' gallery in Teynham, used her creative and resourceful talents to help children make badges and also sparkly dragonflies made from sticks, old magazines and pipe cleaners while James and Tiffany Haffenden helped to organize a treasure hunt. Children could be spotted all over the orchard searching for hidden golf balls which could be traded in for prizes later.

Rob Stewart and several swarthy looking pirates manned a themed tent to promote Lynsted's fete on Monday 31st August, adding to the fun element of the afternoon.

As usual, Anne and Clive Dawes worked hard to serve Doughty's sausages and burgers from the BBQ whilst the Teynham WI ladies provided tea, coffee and delicious home baked cakes. Emlyn and Linda Morgan proved a major draw for some adults behind their bar stocked with quality wine, beer and soft drinks.

Some families brought their own picnics and settled under the blossom-laden boughs of the cherry trees.

There were several more loyal volunteers, who have not been mentioned, working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth running event.

The event, once again, proved to be a truly enjoyable afternoon for all involved.

The next event in the Cherry Orchard is Cherry Day on Saturday 18th July featuring Rocking Badgers, Doddington Ukelele Movement, Oyster Morris and Maypole dancing amongst many other attractions.

See you there!

Please, see www.lynsted-orchard.org.uk for details.

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