



HALLOWEEN IN LYNSTED'S PARK FARM ORCHARD

Well, how lucky were we?

Saturday 29th October came and amazingly, for the third year in a row, the weather was ideal for our Halloween event in the orchard.

To be honest, our games' tent, with its Ghost Bowling, Hoop the Witches' Finger and Ghastly Feel Box game was 'full on' from 5pm onwards so my view of everything else was sketchy. Of course, I could clearly see that the event was once again, brilliantly attended by all sorts of Supernatural beings, flitting around in the spooky surroundings of the orchard, lit by some wonderful new lights, the warm glow of the fire and the illuminated pumpkins. However, it seemed only right that I asked others for their observations and experience of the night in order to give a more rounded account.

Sioux Peto, of Polka Dot Art Gallery, who did an amazing job of leading the Fancy Dress parade through the orchard, observed, "The orchard is the perfect setting. The music was just right, great to hear and dance to, but low enough to enable people to talk. She said, "The most important people are the children and the orchard provides a great safe environment for them and the parents. The pumpkins are definitely works of art, in their own right, and the costume parade is the best for miles. Everyone makes such an effort. It's magical! All topped off by 'The Time Warp, led by Bruce Bell, and with everyone joining in." She can't wait to see what happens next year!

Kevin Barrett commented, "It was great to see the little ones free to run between the trees in their spooky costumes, which the parents appeared to be perfectly at ease with. That's what is wonderful about the orchard's event - it's a community do, not a commercial attraction, unlike some of the larger events around."

Halloween in Park Farm's orchard was a fabulous night with the BBQ selling out and the bar and WI tent doing a 'roaring trade'. The children made the most of all the attractions including listening to the spooky stories in the orange Halloween tent. Lizzie Spilman stated, "The event has evolved over the years." It certainly appears to get better and better!

Our gratitude goes, as always, to Pip and Sue Neaves, for opening their orchard up to the community.

Visit www.lynsted-orchard.org.uk and join our Facebook group for updates on next year's events including Blossom and Cherry Day.

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