



Spring in Lynsted's Park Farm Cherry Orchard Sunday 22nd April

Well 'Mother Nature', didn't outfox us this year. Thankfully, due to very cold weather earlier in the year, we postponed our 'Spring in the Orchard' event by 2 weeks and 'struck gold' with Cherry trees crowned with the most gorgeous white blossom and a bright, sunny day.

The perfect, dry conditions enabled families to enjoy a traditional picnic under the cherry trees whilst enjoying the mellow acoustic sounds of, 'The Cats Pyjamas', a local folk quintet. Their music was an ideal accompaniment to the relaxed atmosphere of the day.

Whitehall Farm very kindly brought some sheep and goats, with their adorable lambs and kids, for children to stroke and observe 'up close'.

A treasure hunt was provided, whereby children could roam the orchard looking for hidden golf balls and claim a prize with their haul. Such a simple idea, but it really does 'whet their appetites' and ,along with the nature quiz, gets them moving around the trees.

As usual, visitors were able to sate their thirst at the well stocked bar or indulge in a 'cuppa and a cake' from the WI ladies. Alternatively, they could treat themselves to a traditional ice cream or purchase a jar of delicious local honey from local beekeeper, Kay Wreford.

Spring in the orchard, as a precursor to Cherry Day, is always a more understated event, with apprehension about our unpredictable English weather, never far from our minds. However, this year, with the blossom in pristine condition and the sun smiling down on us, we couldn't have asked for a more idyllic day!

Cherry Day in the orchard is on Sunday 1st July from 1pm till 5pm.

See You All There!

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