



Cherry Day 2018

Park Farm Community Cherry Orchard

On Sunday 1st July, Lynsted families and visitors enjoyed yet another hugely successful Cherry Day with breezy sunshine and a variety of ripe cherries to pick.

The format of the day was fairly similar to previous years with the 'Rocking Badgers' giving us 'Jumpin' Jack Flash' and getting all our 'Mojos working' and Doddington Ukelele Movement playing a diverse medley of songs from 'Valerie' to 'Funky China Town'

Andy Bosco, with his circus skills, proved to be a wonderful addition to the event, providing interactive play for all ages, in the haystack arena, with juggling and hula hooping. Spectators were truly mesmerized by the ginormous, iridescent bubbles he created, as they floated overhead.

Sioux Peto helped children make poppies from recycled materials which will contribute towards Murston's wonderful Centenary Commemorative display, later this year.

The charming Lynsted and Norton School's Maypole dancers exuded youthful exuberance and energy as they successfully wove their way through their routines - no mean feat!

The WI ladies were in great spirits as they served beverages and cakes next to Ed and Dylan's extremely busy bar and as usual Ann, Clive and Nicole worked tirelessly on the bbq to provide Doughty's tasty hot dogs and burgers. There was also candy floss and ice creams for the 'sweeter tooth'.

Other attractions included Kay Wreford's delicious local honey, Helen Neaves's original paintings, Ann and Dave Rumble's cards and Martin's cleverly crafted walking sticks.

Cherry Day this year really had a fabulous atmosphere with people settling in friendly clusters around the orchard in the shade of the trees. As Lizzie Spilman stated, "It was a wonderful village event, thanks to the bountiful crop of cherries, glorious sunshine and all who joined in"

Special Thanks must go to Pip and Sue Neaves and others who gave their time and energy - the parking team, Clare Stewart on the PYO stall, MC Bruce, DJ Paul, Pippa Palmer from Kent Orchards for Everyone, whose support is always forthcoming, Angus Mitchell for the bales and all the people in the background, who set up for the day and tidied away afterwards.

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