



Kennet Morris Men

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The Fiesta Steel Band entertain

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Time for ice cream

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Ben, Charlotte and Joshua Plank and Dominic Deakin with the hog roast

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Seven-year-old Lewis Eddolls tests his strength

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out and such an English fete," she said.

Being originally from Australia, Mrs Gillespie, who took over from previous chairman of 11 years Roger Sansom, said that she had to learn what welly-wanging and Aunt Sallys were when she became involved with the fete in 2008.

Last year's fete raised a record £23,000, fulfilling Mr Sansom's dream of raising more than £20,000 at one event. Mrs Gillespie said her predecessor had thrown down the gauntlet this year, but she doubted the total would beat the record.

Nevertheless, she said that the fete had run out of Pimms and burgers, while the dog show, run by Canine Education, had pulled in young and old dog owners to make it one of the largest yet.

This year's cake competition, dubbed man-made cakes, and which "put out the call for all

Paul Hollywoods" received a large number of entries. Mrs Gillespie added that the silent auction was also wonderfully-supported by local businesses.

Funds raised are split between the Yattendon and Frilsham Sports and Social Trust and the fete committee, which allocates them to local charities and good causes.

The fete dates back to medieval times, when The Square was the site of the Yattendon Revel, which legend says commemorates a battle fought in Yattendon Field between Manston Farm and England's Piece.

The event witnesses a renaissance in the 18th century, when stick-fighting for the prize of a gold braided hat, worth 27 shillings, became a main event. Points were awarded when "the blood ran an inch".

There was also wrestling for a hat, bowls, donkey races and a women's race for a Holland smock, while old women could win tobacco by grimming through a horse collar.

Yattendon and Frilsham join forces for a spot of welly-wanging

'A very English fete'

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Alle Webster, aged 14, with Brillo, winner of the prinniest Bitch section in the Fun Dog Show

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