



Speen Playing Fields didn't resemble a traditional British seaside resort on Saturday 12 July, with the sun blaring and temperatures rising, visitors were searching for shade rather than a windbreak or jumpers which resulted in visitors numbers being down slightly. Attending children were given a seaside windmill at the gate.

The Fete commenced with the reinstated children's fancy dress parade, featuring an array of mermaids as well as a giant flip-flop. This was followed by special guest, Peter Tebbutt, who officially opened the Fete. Peter represented our Charity of the Year, The Getaway Foundation, and outlined its goal to provide holidays for families in poverty across Buckinghamshire.

There was a Helter-Skelter for the kids to enjoy as well as a Hall of Mirrors, created by Peter Symonds and a Punch & Judy photo-board painted by Lucy Johnston. The ice-cream van was popular and was complemented by Kate's home-made waffles and candyfloss. The W.I had a slower than usual afternoon as tea and cakes were replaced by jugs of refreshing Pimm's from the bar. The Church team provided an impressive selection of food, with volunteers working diligently at the barbecue despite challenging heat conditions.



One of the highlights of the afternoon was the showcase of Annie, the musical, the festival show, which will be running in September and if the taster is anything to go by it will be a big hit with audiences. The arena events concluded with a country dancing display by Speen schoolchildren. Live music was provided by the Moderate Steps Jazz Quartet from R.G.S., and Simon Says Magic entertained children with a magic show.

A variety of side-shows completed the activities alongside the coin drop, golf game, skittles and coconut shy was a new human fruit machine game. The Helping Hospices stall was overflowing with beautiful hand-tied bouquets, produce, children's books and plants.

A key part of its financial success is the income generated from advertising in the program. Please support these local small businesses, and mention

the Fete, particularly if you are using them because of the advert you have seen.

A huge thanks also to all those involved in helping to make the Fete happen. Not just the committee members and village organisations, but the many individuals who sell advertising, deliver leaflets, collect tables, run stalls, count tokens and the other jobs beside.

This was the last year that Helen and I organised the Fete together. We would like to say a huge thanks to all those on the committee that have supported our

ideas over the past 5 years, and we wish them all the best in taking this much-loved village tradition forward. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch at the email address below.

We will provide an update on the distribution of raised funds to our charity of the year and involved village organisations in the next edition.

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The Grand Draw had numerous prizes generously donated by local businesses and our village organisations. A list of prize winners is below:

- £250 cash – June Elliott
- Stihl Tools, Briants – Roger
- Meal for 2, Hampden Arms – Tim Crossley
- Family Golden Ticket, Roald Dahl Museum – Sue Blois
- Meat Voucher, Darvills Hill Farm – John Radford
- Family Membership, Speen Tennis Club – Jill Roberts
- Barrow of Booze – Wood
- Basket of Fruit – Cat Cook
- Fish & Chip Shop Voucher – Al Bowyer
- Seaside themed Bag – Galley
- Toy Hamper – Antonia Winson
- Plant – Rachel Spier
- Hamper – Bryony Adams
- £25 M & S Voucher - KMJ
- Chocolates – Kate
- Speen T-Shirt – Peter Keen



SPEEN ON-SEA FETE

ATURDAY 12th JULY, 2-5pm

Gates open 1.30pm

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