

Parish Council and Partnership Events Report September 2024

Summer events:

Spud and a Pud, a new project at Green Lawns every Thursday during the summer holidays - around 30 people have attended each week and enjoyed a homecooked two course lunch and socialising at Green Lawns for just £2 and kids eat free.

Breakfast Bags - a free breakfast hamper available for collection every Friday during the summer holidays from Renishaw and Spinkhill community hall and Green lawns. This has supported some of the most vulnerable families to provide food for their children over the school holidays when they would usually receive a free meal.

31st July Cookery Workshop - Katsu curry cookery workshop for older children was fully booked and a great (chaotic) time had by all. Comment from one of the parents *"We wanted to say a big thanks for the time and effort put into these cookery classes. Both my boys loved it this year and the pizza one last summer. I've attached some pics of my youngest, who has autism, and how he insisted we practiced in the kitchen at home immediately after leaving your session. Thankfully I had all the ingredients in. We cheated with panko crumbs though but who's judging lol."*

5th August Renishaw Mega fun day – around 200 attended this fun packed event. One parent said it was the best £3 they had spent all year (£1 entry per person which included all activities and lunch for the children). By adding football coaching to the program, we engaged with a lot more older boys which was great to see.

15th August Eckington By the Sea – we released extra tickets twice and it still sold out – 300 people joined us despite the wind and rain (British seaside). A very special day with fairground rides, Shetland ponies, 'sea' sand, magic, giant bubbles, ice-cream, a giant deckchair and so much more. A mum told me it was so nice for her to not have to say no to the children, because everything was included in the £1 which meant she wasn't stressed, and they weren't disappointed. We had a professional photographer for this event, if you would like me to send the link to the photos please let me know, it might not be for a few weeks.

19th August Olympics in a day – around 200 people joined us for our Olympics themed event which included lots of sports and Olympic themed crafts, wonder woman, as well as an opening ceremony parade with crafted torches, which was very sweet to watch. Snakes and tarantulas were a none-sporty themed hit.

Eckington Summer Market and Craft event

There was a good mix of produce on offer from 36 traders outside and 22 craft stalls inside. The majority of the traders said they had a very enjoyable and profitable day and will be attending the Christmas Market. The footfall was good, the weather was fine and there was a lovely community atmosphere throughout the day.

The Friday market seems to be struggling, the footfall is down and on average there are around 10 to 12 stalls who stand on a regular basis at the market.

Renishaw Lunch Club

The monthly lunch clubs are well attended.