

Fun time in the sun as

Thousands turn out at Henwick Worthy as annual Thatcham event

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THATCHAM Town Council celebrated another record turnout at its free flagship event hosted at Henwick Worthy Sports Ground on Sunday.

Thousands of residents attended the town's 25th annual Family Fun Day to enjoy family favourites such as the funfair, inflatables and zorbing, as well as performances by Juggling Jake and Punch and Judy.

New attractions added to this year's festivities included the Under 5s Tent and Acoustic Tent featuring live performances and open mic sessions.

The Dog Show was cancelled due to the heat.

The event, visited by 12,000 people last year, ended with the youngsters Fun Run and the vibrant Pride Parade, now an annual staple.

Nine-year-old Joseph, from Thatcham, spoke to the *Newbury Weekly News* during the festivities.

He said: "I really liked the classic cars. The Lamborghini is my favourite."

Maria, eight, from Thatcham, also shared her thoughts on the day: "I've done a few of the rides. I'm really



AC gymnasts put on a display

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enjoying it."

Sisters Natasha, 12, and Alex, seven, had attended the event before and said they were excited to see their friends perform in the Acoustic Tent.

But there was also respite from the heat for the adults too, with plenty of street food, craft beer and cocktails on offer.

And Thatcham resident Jenny Kirby, who runs Thatcham Refillable, was cycling around with water on hand

to help visitors keep hydrated on a hot day.

Mayor of Thatcham Petra Pemberton afterwards reflected on the event: "I kicked off the event with a speech, thanking all sponsors, stallholders and volunteers who helped with the parking."

"I watched the KATS (Kennet Amateur Theatrical Society) performance on the stage."

"There was also a choir singing. I did the warm-up

dance for the Pride March and was there with Suzanne [town council leader Adamantos] dancing along in the Pride March."

"It was a really lovely day. I did manage to go over and award the prizes for the car show. Fortunately for me, someone else had done the judging."

And her highlight of the day? Mrs Pemberton added: "Seeing the children's faces, that was



Mayor of Thatcham Petra Pemberton relaxes after a hard day in the sun
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A fire performer on the main stage

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Racing clear

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All dressed up!

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Musicians in the Pride parade

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Enjoying the show in the shade

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families flock to fun day

attracts records crowds to enjoy a day of dancing, music and classic cars

fabulous.

"I love the old cars as well. And the dancers were fabulous.

"I was here, there and everywhere. It was just a really nice family fun day.

"We had our little pickers who are always so helpful. They went round and picked up all the rubbish throughout the day.

"I even had my boys come along and we were picking up the rubbish as well."

The event also welcomed classic cars and motorbikes, organised by Thatcham and District Rotary Club.

Community and vocations chairman Bob Champion said: "We were very thankful to Xtrac for their support and to the soup kitchen for providing cool refreshments."

The club's next event will be its annual duck race on Sunday, September 7, raising money for Swings & Smiles, which was selling race tickets at the Fun Day.

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Young dancers go through their routine



Nina takes a time out

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High speed thrills at the fair

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All smiles with Beetroots Bateria on the Pride parade

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Mayor Petra Pemberton

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Nick Newman performs

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Flat out in the big race

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Crowds enjoy a dancing display

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