

Another successful Thornton le Beans Village Show despite weather warnings

Wearing sturdy footwear and waterproofs many people from the village and surrounding area turned out to enjoy this traditional Yorkshire village show. Only one shower arrived which sent everyone dashing into the refreshment and side show tent. When the rain stopped the Children's Sports and Fancy Dress continued.

Sales of the "Do you Know Thornton le Beans Photo Quiz" at £1 each did well with still some available for sale in the Crosby Pub, closing date for entries 31st August.

There were plenty of customers trying their luck at guessing the weight of the decorated cake, naming the distillery for a bottle of single malt and the teddy bear. The Golf game was very popular and the children enjoyed the Craft Corner making some interesting pieces. The tombola had a constant stream of customers and there was a great selection of books on the "Beantown Books" stall which was busy all afternoon and as usual "Beanopoly" generated a lot of interest. The tea tent was full of tasty refreshments and a great place to relax and have a chat with family and other villagers.

The exhibition tent had 580 entries the highest for 9 years; excellent quality and a varied selection from both children and adults creating an attractive display for everyone to look around and generate interest for next year. There was a record number of entries in the Handicrafts categories and the Photography entries were up on previous years and included for the first time a popular "selfie" class. The Bakery and Preserves classes had some excellent entries and the judges tested their taste buds on a variety of cakes and preserves as well as a selection of sloe gins and fruit cordials. The competition in the men's Bakery class is always fierce, this year with twice as many entries it was a challenge choosing a winner. Both the Flower and Vegetable classes had more entries all of a good standard. The judging was done quickly and efficiently and the exhibition tent was open mid-afternoon giving everyone plenty of time to look around and hopefully encourage even more to have a go next year.

After the Show there was a very successful Sausage & Pimms Buffet and Bar which raised funds for the new Northallerton Scout Hut which is being built adjacent to County Hall in Northallerton. There was musical entertainment from Jack Pearce who had been spotted by the one of the organisers whilst he was busking in Northallerton.

The Village Hall Committee are very grateful for the support from the community in attending the Show and for the help given by everyone who worked on the Show making sure it was successful.