



**HILLTOP
QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Saturday 11 June 2016**



SOUVENIR REPORT

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION LUNCH

A celebration lunch was held at Hilltop Community Hall on 11th June 2016, for all generations of the Community. On the gate welcoming our guests were Pam Wood and Terry Davis. The marquee was set up by our trusty menfolk the week before and proved to be an essential part of the proceedings. Many thanks, Terry Maple, Chris Ives, Terry Davis, Dave Sackett, Mick Hopkins, John Richardson and Mike Hart. It was very strikingly decorated on the day with bunting, garlands and tables set with red, white and blue tableware by Pauline and Richard Collins, Carole and Terry Davis and Simon Hewson, all to whom many thanks.



TRUSTY MENFOLK



ANITA'S LOVELY CAKES

The Hall itself had a "new look" with a magnificent centre piece in the alcove decorated with balloons depicting 90 on a gold backdrop, Flags and balloons also adorned the space including a lovely decorated table displaying the celebration cakes, all designed, baked, and beautifully decorated by Anita Rubins: A big full fruit, iced cake, covered with a Union Flag in icing, Big Ben, a portrait of the Queen and red white and blue ribbons, and also a two-tiered lemon sponge on top of plain sponge, iced like a Birthday cake, with a handmade plaque on top recording the event. In addition there were iced cupcakes for the children. Thank you Anita for all these generous donations.

On the Hall notice board was a collage of pictures of the Queen's life, with a central photograph taken at our Hall for the Coronation celebration in 1953. Sue Knott kindly provided the print which shows her as a little girl at the time and it was great to have Sue present again at our 2016 celebration. The backdrop and the collage were amongst other decorations made and assembled by Melissa Dachter, Andrea Williams and Jo Gurden. These very artistic ladies also ran a Workshop the previous week for the children to make Crowns to wear at the party. The children paraded for us in the Marquee and very smart they all were too. There was a competition for the designs and the winners were: Theo Tillotson - 6 years and under and Luisa Williams - over 6 years, both of whom were awarded a prize. All entrants had a little present as they were all so lovely and it was very difficult to choose. Big thank you to Mel, Jo and Andrea for all their efforts - very much appreciated.



HATS, HATS AND MORE HATS.....

SOME OF OUR HELPERS



INSIDE THE MARQUEE



The Ploughman's lunches were served to everyone in the Hall at individual tables, by the helpers. This was rather more than your average Ploughman's with rolls and butter, 2 types of cheese, eggs, ham, cocktail sausages, apples, salad, pickle onions and chutney, etc. Dessert was a choice of strawberry gâteaux or chocolate gâteaux with "squirry cream". Plenty of bottled water, squash and crisps on each table too. Well done Cheryl and crew, namely, Maralyn Porter, Judy Butler, Alison Buontempo, Jan Armishaw, Pauline and Richard Collins, Kath Hewson, Natasha Ives and Betty Wallis. Also thanks to Caroline and Chris Silk for getting up early, to collect lovely fresh rolls baked that morning.

TIME FOR GAMES!

When everyone was fed and watered, they moved indoors for the games, which had been prepared by Cheryl and Natasha Ives, with Chris Ives organising the music. There was Pass the Parcel, [two in fact] Musical Statues, Flip the Fish, Pass the Ball over the head, (great team game), Musical Stations: all games that the Queen may have played some time with her family. There were prizes galore which of course the children loved as did the adults! After the games, the cake was cut and handed out and we all sang, "Happy Birthday" to Her Majesty.

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE DAY



The raffle was drawn, with 19 delightful prizes in all. The first three were as follows: -1st Teddy dressed as the Queen, won by Pam Firth. 2nd Grenadier Guardsman Teddy, won by Alison Buontempo. 3rd Hamper of fruit / groceries, won by Pam Firth. Special thanks go to Pat and Rachel for the Teddies, Lower Hardres Fruit Farm for the Hamper and Sarah and Craig Guest for 7 dozen eggs, which Maureen and Bill Hillman cooked and peeled, which was a labour of love!. Lastly a big thank you to everyone who generously donated items for our day and to Chris Silk for organising the draw for the raffle. We also had a surprise Lucky Ticket number which was won by Gina Riordan (number 62). The prize was an enamelled commemorative spoon with the Queen on it.

At this point we must mention our appointed Official Photographer for the day, Lyn Gregory. She did a sterling job from start to finish- long haul!- and was excellent at getting people to respond, pose etc., organising the children for great natural shots, all with parental permission, of course. Lyn attended the tables recording the activities that were taking place, inside and out. The photographs will be soon on display in the Hall, for all to enjoy. Maybe next appointment at Buckingham Palace Lyn for a Royal Photo Shoot!!! Thank you for taking on the task and for giving up your time for Hilltop, a brilliant effort.

On the subject of photography, we were delighted to receive a flying visit from the Kentish Gazette photographer, who went around taking photographs, which were duly printed in the following Thursday Gazette

MC CHERYL HOGS THE MIC



PHOTOGRAPHER LYN IN THE PICTURE!

One last but certainly not least acknowledgement goes to our refreshment ladies, Betty Wallis, Maralyn Porter and Judy Butler. Making tea and coffee for 80 people is quite a feat and then they did the washing up too!. Well done girls and very many thanks.

At the end of the afternoon, Cheryl presented Carole with a bouquet of flowers, not quite red white and blue (!), in recognition not only of the hard work that Carole had put into this event but also the many other events which Carole has organised so brilliantly over so many years.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their interest, support, donations and invaluable help etc., We could not have put together this event without you and it would not have been such a great day without all the assistance and encouragement. We really do live in a lovely Community.

Grateful thanks one last time to all concerned, particularly our husbands, Terry & Chris. We know we were hard to live with during the planning etc!!

AND FINALLY: PHOTOS THAT MADE OUR DAY!



THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. Regards, Carole Davis and Cheryl Ives [Joint organisers]



THE CHILDREN'S CROWN WORKSHOP

