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COLOURFUL TABLEAU AT PILLATON



© PILLATON May Queen Judith Mason was crowned by Mrs. Moss, wife of the Parish Council chairman, watched by committee chairman David Dolley and pretty little May maids. Photo: Neil Cradick, Landulph.

PILLATON Village Hall Committee Chairman David Dolley welcomed a good crowd to the May Fair and thanked all the various organisations who had combined for the event.

The Fayre was opened by Pillaton Parish Council Chairman Norman Moss, whose wife, Mary, crowned the village May Queen, eight-year-old Judith Mason. Emma Symons presented Mrs. Moss with a posy of lilies of the valley.

In a colourful tableau, the May Queen was attended by Louise Warwick and Sally Hoskin, and her page was Karen Smith. All the other 7-11 year old girls in the village were flower maidens, carrying large hoops decorated by Mrs. M. Blackburn.

The Women's Institute provided refreshments, Yvonne

Jope and Susan Mason were handkerchief sellers, Mr. R. Warwick ran the coconut shy and Mr. and Mrs. J. Renfree organised pony rides.

Competitors and spectators alike thoroughly enjoyed the sports which included skipping and sack races and 3-legged and obstacle races for all ages. The ladies played the men in a football match; then the men took on a senior boys' team, and finally the ladies played again against a junior boys' team. The referee for all three matches was David Dolley.

In the wellie-throwing contest, the high wind proved an unexpected hazard. The judges, feeling that the variety of novel techniques and effort should be rewarded, decided to award points for height as well as length of throw. Although Mike Wiltshire gained the greatest height and Peter Francis achieved a

remarkable boomerang throw when his wellie was returned by a sudden gust of wind, Raymond Hoskin was judged the men's winner and Valerie Phillips the ladies.

Mr. G. Lucas brought along a calf whose weight (197lbs 8ozs) was guessed by Mr. R. Deacon. Mrs. M. Warwick correctly guessed the name of the doll, "Samantha." The weight of the cake (3lbs 10ozs) was correctly guessed by both Mr. K. Beale and Mr. M. Wiltshire so they cut it in half. The raffle for the cream gateau was won by Mr. C. Lucas and the pheasant dinner by Mrs. J. Parsons.

W.I. raffles were won by Mesdames E. Brewer, Congdon and H. Peters. Among the winners in Mr. K. Beale's field raffle were Mesdames B. Bush, C. Friskley, D. Lowe, M. Warwick, C. Utton, K. Snodgrass, Mrs. Beale Senr., Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Saunders and Mr. D. Symons. Tom Woodley won the prize for the decorated vehicle competition with his skate-board rigged out as a boat, and Mrs. A. Roberts won the prize for the table decoration.

The happy afternoon raised £259 to be divided between the various groups in the village and to add to the fund for improving the facilities in the village hall.