

A TENT'S VIEW OF THE FETE (1998)

I came to your fete last year but was not able to meet anyone as I was locked away, wet and cold in the garage at White Gables, Quinton (I'm a bit fed up being used in bad weather and my last day out a couple of weeks ago at Hackleton School Fete was very nasty).

Andy Bailey picked me up from the Scout Hut on Saturday morning (I was nice and dry) and I met some old friends, Gerald, Mick, Brian and Dale on Saturday afternoon when they erected me on the Village Green, I was delighted to meet some new friends, David, Richard and Gary (he's only been here a couple of weeks - gosh!). So here I was, ready and waiting for the rain. Andy said it was going to be a nice day, but I knew that those heavy showers! which had been around on Saturday would catch him out.

He was right, I was wrong, I'm glad to say. The weather stayed fine and my presence was not really required. A jolly nice couple, Neville and Delia, manned the bar (and a little more wine than usual was consumed). The weather was great considering what had been before and after and I'm glad it didn't rain on those wonderful children from Parklands School.

I could see that everyone was really enjoying themselves and even my old friend, the Bouncy Castle only groaned once or twice. After all that activity around me I could have done with a shower, but Andy was determined that I was not going to get wet, so when the clouds gathered on Monday, I was taken down quickly and returned home. I hear that over £1,100 was raised, what a bonus when we all had such a good time.

Hope to see you again next year

Hackleton Scouts' Tent (and dictated to Andy Bailey)