



Date: 23rd August

Location: Castle Park

Overview

The *Picnic in the Park* event was held on the afternoon of 23rd August in Castle Park. Thanks to the extensive planning carried out in advance, the event ran smoothly and successfully on the day.

Families and community members were able to enjoy an afternoon filled with free entertainment, activities, and performances.

Activities and Attractions

- **Children’s Entertainment:** Inflatables, face painting, and games organized by the Girl Guides, who made a valuable contribution to the day. Prizes for the games were kindly provided by FTC.
- **Dog Show:** Hosted by Tail Mates in partnership with Bindi's Lost & Found, the dog show proved extremely popular, drawing many dogs and their owners. Raffles and tombola were also held, with proceeds donated to Bindi’s. FTC once again provided prizes. Special thanks to Holly, Donna, and the entire team for their hard work.
- **Stage Entertainment:** A full programme of live performances took place, featuring Disco Dave, Bekki Sings, The Kitchen Party, and Charlie Reader. All artists delivered outstanding entertainment and were very well received.

Feedback

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Many expressed a desire for *Picnic in the Park* to become an annual event.

Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our gratitude to:

- CWAC Councillor Mike Garvey, Chris Burrows, and Rachel Drapeur for volunteering their time and going above and beyond on the day
- The Girl Guides for providing children’s games
- Holly, Donna, and the Tail Mates team for running the dog show with Bindi’s Lost & Found
- FTC for generously providing prizes
- All members of the Events Committee and our Town Council clerks, whose dedication and support made the event possible
- Stage crew for their support
- Food and drink providers

Conclusion

Picnic in the Park was a great success, enjoyed by families, children, and dog lovers alike. With such positive feedback and strong community engagement, the event has the potential to become a highlight of the town’s annual calendar.