

Praise and Shout 2016

Congratulations everyone on a wonderful Golcar Lily Day. And particular congratulations on winning the Examiner Community Events Award. It was a proud and exciting evening for all of us.

But before we go any further with delights, problems and notes for next year, I have to mention something very sad. My favourite quote for GLD 2016 came from Alan Kaye. He sent a message to say, "Sue, have you put the sunshine in the accident book?!" Such a very Alan comment and one of the many reasons why we will all miss him so much.

I had a wonderful day. I knew it would be good when I got to 10.00 am and I had not had to change into dry clothes. Indeed by afternoon I was looking for my shorts and sandals. The sun came out and stayed out; the barbecues were bare and the beer tent ran dry 3 times. What a day.

I thank everyone involved. Marion and Joan for looking after us all. Debbie for the programme, Nore for the music, all the bands, anyone who cooked anything, Round Table, the Winkles, Thwaites for their lovely horses. Mick and Julie at the Commercial, Rob and all the team from the Rising Sun, the Rose and Crown, Golcar United, who were behind the fancy dress costumes. SWEAT, Centurion, The people of Golcar who moved their cars. Andrew for the stars, all the stall holders, the entertainers, the stilt walkers, punch and Judy, Charlotte and everyone in the Scout Hut, everyone on the field. The scouts (without whom it would not happen) Guides, two young people who took part in the fancy dress, and Andrea's lovely friends who judged it. Helen for running a raffle and saving the rest of us a job. People with cars and tractors, those who gave prizes. Vicky's mum Pauline for launching herself at the pig racing. If I haven't said you, my memory just isn't what it was. Singers dancers, musicians, Morris dancers, the Mayor and Mayoress. The amazing re-enactment groups and everyone else on the field. But this year, I have to thank Matt For organising the tractor pull, and not letting my panic put him off. What an event that was. And congratulations to the Round Table for winning all that beer. I presume it has now been consumed.

So. What went wrong? Why Craig did not commit murder I do not know. He will have a list of his concerns. I was there at scouts at 9.30, in time to see the train arriving. Then the classic cars arrived. Do not expect to see St John ambulance again. I am currently disputing their bill and I know of a replacement team. I was horribly short of stewards and this must be addressed. Not least because, all the Leymoor Road people moved their cars, but before we could draw breath some people had parked on the no parking cones.

But in all this, the dance band played and the Hurricane flew over and it was wonderful

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