

## REPORT FROM BRAMPTON EVENTS From 2022/23

Since May 2022 Brampton Events has put on 4 large events for the people of Brampton. Credit must be given to the extremely small Team who work relentlessly in the run up and on the day of each event.

The first event, in early June was to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a Picnic on the Green. After the spell of lovely summer weather the day dawned wet and cold. Huntingdon Big Band played tunes from the last 70 years whilst the few people that turned up huddled in their gazebos. Those that braved the damp day made the most of the afternoon and had a good time.

A few weeks later we had a great turnout at this year's Open Gardens, with visitors from both in and out of the village visiting the 18 gardens around Brampton, This time the weather was in our favour. Everyone enjoyed the effort made by all the gardeners and the tea and homemade cakes along the way were a big hit.

Not long after that was the Village Fete. The event was kindly opened by the Deputy Lieutenant of the County, Mr John Bridge and his wife. This was followed by the childrens and dogs fancy dress parade. There were some imaginative costumes for both 2 legged and 4 legged entries.

During the afternoon we were entertained by 2 dance troops and the Dementia choir. Around the Green we had games and activities provided by some of the clubs and societies from the village. There were crafts and goodies to buy with a choice of nearly 20 craft stalls. The Races and tug of War were as popular as ever. The stars of the show had to be the ponies from Monach Farm who trotted up and down all afternoon giving rides to the children of Brampton.

It was another very successful and enjoyable day.

In early December, Brampton Events hosted Christmas on the Green. There were the usual craft stalls for last minute present idea and stalls selling seasonal food and drink. We were entertained by Mr. Frosty, Singing Together and the Rotary Choirs. There were free fairground rides for the children and of course Santa was there with his sleigh.

There was a new look to the Christmas Lights this year on all the trees around the Green and some of those towards the High Street. Maybe next year there will be even more trees decorated.

I handed over the chair of Brampton Events to Charlotte Robinson at the start of this year. The new Team will have their first event to mark the coronation of King Charles 111. I wish Charlotte and her Team lots of success with future events and I hope the sun shines for each one.