

Summer Fete 2019

First, a **BIG, BIG, BIG** thank you to all of you who made the Summer Fete 2019 another success. So many of you helped in so many ways, from lawn and hedge-cutters to myriad donations, to stall holders, to visitors and spenders, to lifters and carriers, to equipment suppliers and cake makers, and to those who prayed for it to be a good day. And it was! It's the time once a year when we know we can welcome the community into our space, chat with them and show them we are a friendly bunch and that church might be somewhere to make friends. We worked hard at that. It was a hot day, the temperature matched only by the warmth of our welcome. We made in excess of £2500 for our three charities – Mind, Birstall Food hub and Church - which is lovely, but most importantly I enjoy the chance to speak to the people who come, and I know you do too. Present from 8am I was able to watch the whole affair unfold on the day from the first Gazebo erection to the last item removed from the lawn around 5pm and it was fascinating. I watched the church operate efficiently, like a colony of worker ants; everyone clear about what to do, pro-active in their efforts to help others and genuinely interested in connecting with the people that came. **Brilli-ant!** It was lovely to be a part of it. We glowed with sweat and... love for each other in our service to one another and to God.

When we want to make something happen, we are great at making it so. Thanks go to the Fete committee for their time and energy in planning for the day; for all their preparation, thoughtful suggestions and practical work in getting us ready. Well done everyone. At the PCC on Sept 4th we shall have a fete debrief so, if you have any thoughts or feedback, let us have it. Each year we change something from our learning from the previous year, so what have we learned? Let us know. And thanks again! Bless you.

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