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Plenty of fun in the sun at May Fayre



Brought colour to Denmark Street.



Dance acts performed on an open-air stage.

> 20,000 turn up for Lions' fundraiser and there's talent galore

By JON NURSE

GLORIOUS sunshine beamed across the town as 20,000 revellers savoured the Wokingham May Fayre.

Crowds soaked up the bank holiday sun and enjoyed entertainment and stalls spanning from the town hall to Elms Field on Monday.

The town's talent performed in Market Place while passers-by were treated to street entertainers in Erftstadt Court and a family fun fair on the field.

One visitor, Richard Auty, said: "I grew up in Wokingham so I've been a fair few times. The weather's been really nice. It wasn't so good last year and the year before - so it makes a nice change."

"The Bucking Bronco is very popular with the kids and the Ascot Ale stall looks good."

The annual extravaganza is organised by Wokingham Lions and supported by *The Wokingham Times*.

Co-ordinator Paul Bailey said: "It's gone very well. We think 20,000 people have come through the day. It puts Wokingham on the map."

Fundraising efforts at this year's fayre will go to the Ollie Young Foundation, Wokingham &

District Association for the Elderly (WADE) and Wokingham & District Citizens Advice Bureau.

Neil Davies, of Eastheath Avenue, had a great time exploring with his wife Kat and three children.

"We are having lots of fun," he said. "There's lovely weather - we are very fortunate with the day."

Favourites on Elms Field included ferret racing, a bouncy castle and zorbing as crowds browsed stalls for the borough's businesses and charities.

Brass bands belted out classics to the smiling masses while young and old danced around the maypole.

Lynne Watson, 46, of Reading, enjoyed watching her daughters perform with JG Dance on the main stage by the town hall.

"There's a great atmosphere - even better than it has been in recent years," she said.

"There are a lot more people watching the performances than before. Maybe the weather has brought people out."

Visit www.getwokingham.co.uk to see a video of the May Fayre.

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