

Celebrity guest opens gala day



SPECIAL GUEST: clockwise from top Coronation Street actress Vicky Binns with sports competitors and fancy dress winner Leah Stanford; fancy dress entrants Liam Wallbank, Mathew Wallbank and Angus Walton

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Hellfield held its 40th anniversary gala on Saturday and despite heavy rain and a muddy gala field, the event was well-attended.

The festivities started on Friday evening when the marquee hosted a "Stars in Your Eyes" event with Ali Walton as compère and local talent providing the entertainment.

Coronation Street star Vicky Binns, who plays Molly Dobbs in the TV soap, opened the gala on Saturday and signed autographs on the field.

Annie Stead, this year's gala queen, and Josh Reynolds, the gala king, were accompanied by attendants Hannah Binns, Megan Walton and Anna Ward.

A procession around the field was followed by the judging of the fancy dress competition by Geoff Garnett, Sue Johnson, Valerie Aitchison and Steve Bamber.

Entertainment included the "Saggy Bottom Boys", the Trics 4 Treats Dog Display and Circus Jim. Refreshments were provided by members of the WI. This year's fell races included the Yorkshire Junior Championships and the festivities concluded with a family disco.

Results: **Fancy dress:** under three - 1 Lewis Ayre (lion), 2 Chris John Wright (monkey), 3 Harry Richards (tiger); three to five - 1 Leah Stanford (Man on the Moon), 2 Callum Walton (new knight), 3 Jasmin Mattinson (alligator), 4 Emma Wright (snake); six to eight - 1 Alice Walton (swine flu), 2 Ethan Mattinson (astronaut), 3 Freddy Howarth (Big Ben); nine to 11 - 1 Angus Walton (Boom or Bust), 2 Liam Wallbank and Mathew Wallbank (cricketers); open - 1 Abbie Hardacre (cowgirl); best overall - Leah Stanford.

Fiat races: three and under - 1

Maddie Bailey, 2 Emma Wright, 3 Harry Richards; four to five - 1 Callum Walton, 2 Florence Bourgeois, 3 Owen Baines; six, seven and eight - 1 Logan Hargreaves, 2 James Baird, 3 Richard Dowe; nine, 10 and 11 - 1 Thomas Windle, 2 Joseph Baire, 3 Daniel Strickland; 12 to 15 - 1 Zara Knaffie, 2 Phil Dowe, 3 William Smith; ladies - 1 Zara Knaffie, 2 Charlotte Cox, 3 Chelsea Holden; gents - 1 Carl Stanford, 2 Carl Belchal, 3 Dale Denham. **Egg and spoon:** three and four - 1 Emma Wright, 2 Kieran Houtgraaf, 3 Maddie Bailey; five, six and seven - 1 Logan Hargreaves, 2 Bob Evans, 3 Alice Bourgeois; eight, nine and 10 - 1 Robbie Johnston, 2 Angus Walton, 3 Chris Baird. **Sack race:** seven, eight and nine - 1 Anne Bourgeois, 2 Robbie Johnston, 3 Bob Evans; 10, 11 and 12 - 1 Phil Dowe, 2 Max, 3 Liam Wallbank; adults - 1 Dale Denham, 2 Phil Dowe, 3 Carl Stanford. **Wheelbarrow race:** six, seven and eight - 1 Laura Knowles & Bob Evans, 2 Alice & Megan Walton; nine, 10 and 11 - 1 Liam Wallbank & Angus Walton, 2 Daniel Strickland & Mathew Wallbank, 3 Jarrad Thomas & Freddie Howarth. **Three-legged:** eight to 11 - 1 Alice Walton & Mathew Wallbank, 2 Charlie Hamar & Max Hamar, 3 Laura Knowles & Bob Evans. **Piggy back:** ladies and gents - 1 Carl & Hannah Stanford, 2 Eddie Jenkins & Zoe Cardus, 3 Alistair & Julie Walton. **Egg throwing:** 1 Bob Evans & Andy Evans.

Fell races: under 10, boys - 1 Jake Stead, 2 Gegan Baker, 3 Robbie Johnstone, girls - 1 Alex Baker, 2 Emily Cox, 3 Tegan Knappy, first local - Miles Taylor; under 12 - 1 Phil Dowe, 2 Sam Convery, 3 Edan Whitelaw, girls - 1 Abby Mae Parkinson, 2 Issy Wharton, 3 Maddie Awan, first local - Angus Walton; under 14, boys - 1 William Smith, 2 Max Wharton, 3 James Hall, girls - 1 Becky Mills, 2 Annabel Mason, 3 Pirra Barrett, first local - Cameron Walton; under 16, boys - 1 Marc Scott, 2 Sean Carey, 3 Richard Powell, girls - 1 Rosie Hellawell, 2 Erika Carter, 3 Annie Roberts; seniors - 1 Peter Matthews, 2 Billy Pinder (under 18), 3 Johnny Bradshaw (under 18), locals - 1 Jamie Craig, 2 Richard Taylor, 3 Edward Newbould, ladies - 1 Lizzie Adams, 2 Becky Lambson (under 18), 3 Jenny Dybeck (under 18).



STARRING ROLE: Hellifield Gala King and Queen Josh Reynolds and Annie Stead