Put down your Pimms and wang your welly



UP AND AWAY: Reporter Ben Frampton gives welly wanging a try BM_138_10



FUN: Crowds enjoy the spectacle at Shirenewton Fete



WELLY GOOD: Welly wanging organiser David Cornwell at the Shirenewton

ON A summer's day, what could be more British than a village fete and welly wang-

On Saturday, Shirenewton had both - not just any old welly wanging – the inaugural Welsh Welly Wanging competition.

The event was part of the Shirenewton fete, brought forward one week this year to co-incide with the Jubilee celebrations.

At the recreation ground on Saturday, around 800 people made their way to this corner of Monmouthshire to enjoy a day out in the (appearing and disappearing) sunshine.

And, to go with all those quintessential ingredients which make a fete – food, drink, cakes, bookstalls, music

Giving it some welly BEN FRAMPTON 01633 777247

bf@southwalesargus.co.uk Twitter @ArgusBFrampton were also two alpacas on show for people to pet

competition.

David Cornwell, a member of the Shirenewton fundraising committee, said they wanted a showpiece to publicise the fete and, when welly wanging came to mind, thought

and the aforementioned

He added: "It's been very good, people are finding it trickier than they thought it would

they should make a

national competition of

As well as the stalls, which also had skittles, guess the number of eggs laid by the bird and - there cakes galore, patrons going well and it's nice

WHEN offered a chance to have a wang myself, I was more than keen to put my arm to the test against some of the finest Monmouthshire has to offer.

Having seen someone fail to wang it one inch (they hit the fence laid down as the throwing maker) and being told about the gentleman whose welly finished behind him, I had my tar-

get in mind: Don't finish last. My first attempt was out of bounds and therefore a foul. On attempt number two. channelling my youthful forays into welly wanging, I gave it some welly (sorry) and my underarm effort bounced within the boundaries to 55ft.

It was a good 20ft or so off the top two, but a decent wang none the

were treated to a per-formance by the Severn-side Silver Dragon marching band. Simon Langdon, 41, from Shiranewton who

from Shirenewton, who brought his daughter Anna, six, along to the event, said: "It's been

for the children to get involved."

Treasurer of Shirenewton Church, which organised the fete, Kevin Bounds, 59, said: "It's been going brilliantly.

"It's great to see every-

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