

# Community Gala Day 2009

## Denby, Kilburn, Horsley and surrounding areas

A community-focused working group of John Flamsteed Community School governors identified a gap in community life, with the absence in and around the school's catchment area of communal celebrations such as 'gala' or 'wakes' days run typically in communities based around local industry, such as mining or other major employers.

Such an occasion would be a means to promote community cohesion, and an opportunity to further enhance John Flamsteed Community School's involvement with the local community.

The event could be offered simply for the benefit of the local community, or could be designed as a fundraising event for charitable causes.

It has already been suggested that the event could be held around the local area, in venues with themed events, and a main event at John Flamsteed Community School.

Detailed below are a number of event activities identified for possible inclusion:

Carnival, parade, stalls, arena with dance/music performance, sponsored fun run, parent/children sports, (tethered balloon ride), mini funfair, tug of war, demonstration events (kung fu, tae kwon-do, police dogs), brass/marching bands, archery, and so on...

Various village and community groups, churches, uniformed, sports and other local organisations could offer support or be invited to participate.

Early suggestions for a theme include the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing (linked to John Flamsteed – the first Astronomer Royal).

The event is planned to occur some time in the summer of 2009, provisionally 4th July 2009.

A further forward-planning meeting is scheduled for 6.00pm on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 in the Dining Hall at John Flamsteed Community School on Derby Road, Denby.

Previous meetings have involved members of Kilburn Community Association, church representatives, the police, local councillors (including Jean Gemmell, Mayor of Amber Valley), council employees, and local residents.



The aim of this meeting is to further develop and promote a community event with its own unique identity, focus, and organising group.

**Anyone with an interest in involvement in preparations for this event is very welcome to attend.**

