

The 5th Annual Charity Beer Festival & Boule Tournament

On Sunday 24th August 2008 The Bridge Inn held their 5th Charity Beer Festival & Boule Tournament. Thankfully the weather stayed kind (just!) which helped with the turn-out.

There were 15 beers to choose from, both local and some from further afield – the only problem – which one to start with! All the beers are sponsored by local people or companies, which means all the money taken for the beer goes to the chosen charity.

To make the beer festival more family friendly, garden games are scattered over the lawn and a boule tournament is held. This year there were 26 teams of two people battling it out on two boules pitches. An Anglo-French team were the eventual winners – Ghislaine Colmont, and Tony Kerry – owner of Summerhayes B&B in Littleton Panell with his wife Rosemary.

The winners of the boule tournament choose the charity which benefits from the event. With the 26 boule teams paying a nominal entry fee, the beer sponsored, and the takings from the BBQ donated, this amounted to £956.00. Rosemary and Tony Kerry kindly made this up to £1,000, and chose the West Lavington Youth Club and the new West Lavington BMX Track as the beneficiaries, receiving £500 each.

A cheque was presented to them during the official opening of the BMX Track on Sunday 7th September, whose guest of honour was Lewis Lacey, a member of the Charge Bikes Squad, a British BMX Champion and is on the O.D.P (Olympic Development Programme) Team.

As usual a big thank you goes to the people that helped both before and during the day. To Mark for the use of the marquees, and the team of guys who helped put them up and take them down, to the group Sleepy Eye Slim (look at their myspace page) for playing some fantastic music, to Ted and Pete for doing a great job as usual on the BBQ, and to the sponsors of the Beer: James Miles-Hobbs, Planks Farm Shop & Planks Potatoes, Woodpecker Services Ltd Mike & Barbara Wood, George Baker, Barrie & Clare Smale, Martin Hayward & Gary McMartin, Eugene Hillier, Trevor (the Wasp) Jones, Summerhayes B&B Rosemary & Tony Kerry, Clive & Denise Innes, John Lush, John Ford, Pete & Ted Robinson, Mike & Sandra May, Fussel Wadman Ltd Mark Wadman.

