



● Magician Michael Dodd couldn't make the rain go away on Monday but he did entertain children in the dry of Nayland village hall as the downpour soaked the stalls and sideshows outside.

Rain hits 'Hi-de-Hi' fete

ALTHOUGH Monday afternoon's steady downpour affected attendance at Nayland Community Council fete the event went ahead as planned, with some stalls taking refuge in the village hall or a marquee.

Mr Peter Moore, treasurer, said the fete, whose theme was 'Hi-de-Hi', had been a success and would make a profit of about £1,100 of which the Community Council would get £500. The rest is retained by the local organisations who ran the stalls.

The dismal conditions did not stop the main attraction — a parachute jump by four members of the

Phoenix Free Fall Team from Ipswich. Three men landed on target in the centre of the arena but a fourth drifted off course and came down in a nearby field.

Colchester Rosettes Majorettes also braved the rain, as did Michael Cook and his Dog Obedience Team from Hadleigh. A magic show and a display by a troupe of Red Indian dancers from Harwick had to be curtailed and children's sports were abandoned.

One of Roger Clarke's shire horses from Stoke-by-Nayland gave rides in a cart and David Winnard brought his show herd of goats from West Bergholt. Other popular features

included a collection of classic cars, a fortune teller, face-painting and crockery smashing.

Winner of the top draw prize, a colour television, was David Wheat, of Colchester, a member of Nayland Rangers. Master of Ceremonies — often coping gamely with a water-logged microphone — was Roger Balls.

Mrs Norah Owen, Community Council Chairman said afterwards that although the conditions could not have been worse everyone had pulled together showing tremendous community spirit and it was a happy occasion despite the weather.