

Tug of war pulls the crowds at Nayland

A HEFTY eight-man team from the Queen's Head, Tolleshunt d'Arcy, heaved their way to a 2-0 victory over Mistley Quay in the tug-of-war final at Nayland Community Council's bank holiday fair on Monday.

Six teams, including two from Nayland, took part in the event which was the highspot of the afternoon's entertainment. The winners received a shield and £80.

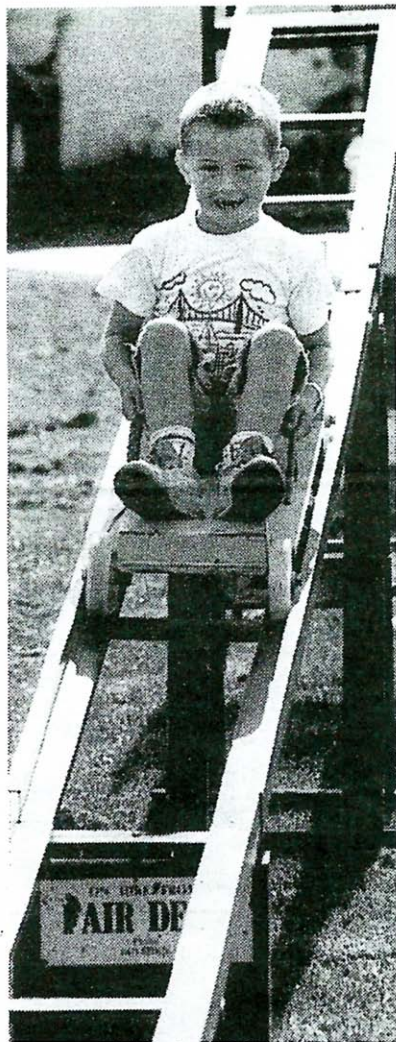
The sunny weather brought hundreds of visitors to the fair on the village playing field and the 15 local organisations running stalls have donated 25 per cent of their profits to council funds.

Chairman Keith Worricker said: "It was a very enjoyable day with something going on all the time and we expect to receive a substantial sum when expenses have been deducted."

The event was opened by former village policeman Tom Honeyball, who arrived with his wife Flo, Mr Worricker and secretary Ida Drake in a stylish horse-drawn carriage.

Carriage rides round the village, run by Derrick and Petrina Murphy from Colchester, were a popular attraction. Others included displays by Glemsford Emeralds majorettes and Rowhedge morris dancers and an obstacle race course arranged by Penny and Julian Baker.

A children's painting contest with a fairground theme, judged by local sculptress Bette Curtis, was won by :- Under 5: 1 Peter Shilton, 2 Kate Mann, 3 Daniel (of Leavenheath); 6-8: 1 Iain Addis, 2 Alex Bakir, 3 Thomas Galvin; 9-12: 1 Thomas Carpenter, 2 Christopher Goodchild, 3 Violet Bugg.



The mini roller coaster was a popular attraction for children.