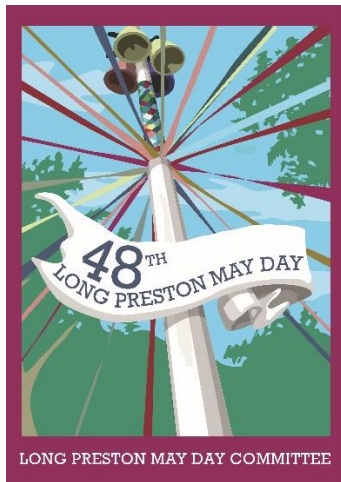


48th May Day Gala Newsletter - information and events leading up to the May Day Gala
on Saturday 5th May 2018



Congratulations to Skye Dinsdale, the 48th May Queen!

Handicrafts application forms available from school, the Post Office and the Parish Magazine. Please return entry forms to Moraig Hewitt, Kirkmangate, 37 Main Street by **Friday 4th May**. On May Day, all entries and outstanding entrance fees must be brought to the Handicraft tent between 1000 and 1100 to allow time to arrange the exhibits and for the judging to be done before the dancing starts.

May Day Races - Friday 20th April - Long Preston Playing Field.

Preschool to Year 8 pupils compete in running races on the field for the younger children and a longer course for the older children.

All the races are free to enter and all competitors will receive a snack and drink after their race sponsored by Long Preston Post Office. **The first race will be at 1800 prompt.** All First, Second and Third Winners, will receive a trophy at the May Day celebrations, presented by the newly crowned May Queen.

Tidy Greens Days:

Please would any volunteers bring their brown bins, barrows, rakes etc. to help pick up sticks and generally tidy up both greens on **Sunday 22nd and 29th April from 10 to 12.** If you can't make those dates, please

get in touch if you can help set up the night before May Day.

Friday 4th May:

From 1800 we shall start putting up the large tents on Maypole Green and The Green ready for Saturday morning. Last year we had a tremendous amount of help with gazebos, etc. giving a great community feel to the start of the weekend and hope we will have as much help again this year. If you have some time to spare on May Day and would like to get involved, please contact a member of the committee.

Saturday 5th May:

The procession will commence at 1245 from the school. The dancing will commence around 1300 after the new May Queen, is crowned. The children of Long Preston School have been working hard on their dances and Class 1 will perform traditional country dances followed by Class 2 and 3 who will entertain us with their Maypole Dancing.

Stalls and attractions will be on The Green behind the Rohan shop next to the Village Hall. There will be a BBQ and ice cream on The Green, and Cream Teas provided by the WI in the Village Hall. Friends of Long Preston School, Long Preston Playgroup, the Church Mowers, Playing Fields Association and other village organisations will be running stalls to raise funds. **As usual, we will have a barrow of booze to raffle, please contact us if you would like to make a donation.**

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