

Feast of fun at harvest with a twist

THE traditional harvest festival has been given a modern urban twist.

In addition to the usual array of recently gathered food, people in Montpelier also dressed up in outfits with a harvest theme – and even wore letters spelling out the word ‘organic’.

They were taking part in Montpelier Bean Feast, a revival of an 18th century fest-

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ival described in an historical account as a “famous event at which a mock mayor, sheriff and other civic dignitaries were solemnly elected and much ale was drunk by the delighted spectators”.

The 21st century revival of the event, which was held in Montpelier Park, retained the

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Organic show: The word organic is spelled out by people wearing costumes at the Montpelier Bean Feast

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election of mock dignitaries, with a Mayor and Queen Bean of Montpelier being chosen.

Other attractions included a produce exchange, live music, craft workshops, stalls with homemade goods, a bean

cook-off between local chefs, tea and cakes, and advice on saving energy and home improvements.

“Above all it has been about celebrating what Montpelier has to offer, and neighbours get-

ting to know each other,” said Sally Jenkins one of the local volunteers who helped to organise the free event.

The hundreds of people who attended Montpelier Bean Feast also got a chance to see

plans showing improvements that will get underway on wasteground at the rear of the park next month, following three years of campaigning and fundraising by the local community.

£15,000

CASH for COMMUNITIES TO BE WON



The Evening Post and Barclays are delighted to be working together to launch Barclays Money Skills Cash for Communities – an initiative aimed at improving the financial capability of children and adults across Bristol.

We’re going to be giving away £15,000 cash to local organisations – and it’s up to you how you spend it. To qualify you must state how you will use the money to help people in your community to better understand how to manage money. Anyone can enter; Brownies, Guides, schools, community centres, but you must be a registered

charity and spend the winnings on helping to raise financial awareness for your group or community.

To benefit as many organisations as possible, we’ll be splitting the prize pot to make one £7,000 prize, one £3,000 prize and five £1,000 prizes.

HOW DO I TAKE PART?

Simply state on an entry form how your chosen organisation will spend the money to raise people’s financial awareness and send it to us as instructed. We need your suggestions by October 4, 2010. Please ensure that the person in charge of your organisation is aware you have nominated them and that they are a registered charity.

The Evening Post and Barclays Community Investment Manager will select 12 finalists who will be revealed in paper on October 13, 2010.

We will print tokens in paper every day from October 13 – November 2; each token will have a different ‘monetary value’. The aim is to collect as many tokens as possible, and encourage the people in your local community to do the same.



The Barclays Money Skills programme supports and develops people’s financial capability. It is being delivered in partnership with a range of organisations across the UK to support people to develop essential money skills such as budgeting, managing debt and knowing where to get help.

An important aspect of Barclays Money Skills is helping charity and community organisations to deliver money management sessions to their groups. Barclays are delighted to be working in partnership with the Bristol Evening Post to give its readers the opportunity to win a share of £15,000 to enable a variety of community groups to develop money management projects.

Terms and conditions: All entrants must be a registered charity with a registered charity number to enter. Where necessary, you must have permission from the relevant body before submitting your entry. Photocopies will not be accepted. Entries will be verified by Evening Post and a Barclays Money Skills representative before being submitted for the final, the editor’s decision is final. The £7,000 cash prize will be awarded to the organisation which submits the highest value of tokens. The £3,000 cash prize will be awarded to the organisation with the second highest value of tokens. The £1,000 cash prizes will be awarded to the next five organisations who receive the highest value of tokens. In the event that more than one organisation which submits the highest value tokens the winner will be the first of these to be drawn at random. The winners must be willing to take part in publicity. This promotion is sponsored by Barclays Money Skills. Barclays Money Skills like to focus their resources where they have the most impact. They have informed us they are also unable to support individual sponsorship, political parties or bodies, promotion of religious beliefs, Rotary, Lions clubs and other third-party giving organisations, hospital costs, medical charities and medical research, capital appeals and salary costs. For a full copy of the terms and conditions, write to Cash for Organisation T&Cs, Promotions Department, Bristol News & Media, Temple Way, Bristol, BS99 7HD.

Cash for Communities Entry Form

Send your completed entry form to: Cash for Schools, Promotions Dept, Bristol News & Media, Temple Way, Bristol, BS99 7HD. The closing date for all entries is noon on October 4, 2010. You may continue your entry on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Name of organisation:.....
 Address:.....
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