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50 Years Young

Saturday 3 July saw the 50th Anniversary celebration of Benton Park School. The turn out was fantastic with over 500 ex-pupils and staff from all years coming along to join in the fun. 21 former students from the first intake in 1960 attended, some travelling all the way from Texas in America and Wellington, New Zealand.

There was a variety of activities throughout the afternoon. Alan Pitchfork (ex-pupil) and his colleagues from Leeds Pipe Band entertained everyone, as did Yeadon Air Cadets Band. The Benton Park Mountain Bike Club showed off their skills taking part in short races and knockout competitions and sixth form students demonstrated their skills in a 5-a-side football display.

One of the highlights of the day was the photo displays through the years and archive footage of various school trips. These included from Benton Park being built all the way to modern day and featured some fab '70s clothes and '80s hairdos! People had great fun spotting themselves and old friends.

Old Bentonian, Billy Pearce, star of stage and screen also came along to the celebration and enjoyed meetings friends old and new, even if someone did think he was one of the Chuckle Brothers!

Of course no 'do' would be complete without a raffle, thank you to local companies for their support and wonderful refreshments provided by Joan and her great kitchen staff. All proceeds of the event have been split between local Cancer charities and Meetsetshehla High School, partner school in South Africa. Here's to the next 50 glorious years at Benton Park! Pictures on page 2.

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Jake Armstrong is the English School's inter boys discus champion. His winning throw, at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, was 53m.



This year's summer show was Grease. More details to follow in the Christmas edition