



## Cove Gala as popular as ever



Cheerleaders, the pipe band, as well as a martial arts demonstration and the local football finals taking place. Inside the school, people were also able to enjoy a magic show and a bonnie baby competition.

With so many varied events, it's no wonder that the Gala drew in big crowds throughout the whole day, and is likely to for years to come.

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It has been thirty-five years since the first Cove Gala was organised, and this year's local celebration was just as busy and popular as ever. Even the sun made a rare Gala appearance to make everyone's day even brighter!

After the first Gala was organised to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, this year, Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated with an Armed Forces theme.

With colourful cheerleaders, a patriotic pipe band and the 865

Portlethen Air Cadets marching behind, the events began with this year's Gala Princesses leading the opening parade through the streets of Cove.

Once they arrived at Loirston School, they cut the ceremonial ribbons, leading to an afternoon jam-packed with attractions. From fancy dress to foam craft, and face-painting to a fire engine to explore, there was something for the whole family to enjoy.

The fun continued throughout the afternoon, with performances in the main arena from the Blue Dynamite

