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PRESS RELEASE: Catterick Village Sports Association

Catterick Village Gala Day

Sunday 12th July 2009

10am – 5pm

Adults £1 ~ Kids Free ~ Ample Free Car Parking

Sports Fields, Catterick Village, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 7JY

Proceeds to the Catterick Village Sports Association

Catterick Village is preparing for its biggest Gala Day in years. The event has been an annual highlight for the area since its inception in 1997. It is organised by the Catterick Village Sports Association (CVSA) – a charitable body which controls the lease to the playing fields and pavilion enabling sports and community events in the village.

CVSA Chairman Bob Thornton has been involved in the Galas since the early days. ***“This year’s event will rival the largest we’ve ever put on”*** he said.

Along with a **fairground** and **car boot sale** there will be displays from the **army**, **quad bikes** and **trials bikes**, **vintage vehicles** and **birds of prey**. There will be a **mini-soccer tournament**, **junior races** and a **Tug of War competition**. **Live bands** will play on the stage and there will be performances from the **local junior drama group** and the **village school dancers**.

Sports group members and local volunteers will man various **refreshment stalls** including a **beer tent**, **barbecue** and **afternoon teas**.

Due to problems with the CVSA organisation last year there was no Gala Day event. Bob with his team of volunteers has been instrumental in reviving the fortunes of the CVSA and rallying the various groups that make up its membership. ***“It’s been a critical time for the CVSA – we were in real danger of losing the facilities due to not having a functioning committee. I’m pleased to say we’ve had a terrific response from the club members – they have worked together and we have lots of really talented and committed local people involved.”***

A spokesman for Richmondshire District Council said: ***“We have worked closely with CVSA for many years now, and it is fantastic to see the new facilities in Catterick Village being put to such good use. We hope that residents will support the Gala Day and make it a great success for the whole community.”***

“Of course we’re all hoping for good weather and a great turnout on the day!” added Bob Thornton.

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Gala Day Attractions:

- Car Boot Sale
- TUG-O-WAR
- Trials Bike Display
- Fun Fair
- Live Bands
- Circus Training
- Quad Bikes
- Mountain Bikes
- Junior Football
- Kids Races
- School Dancers
- Martial Arts
- Birds of Prey
- Junior Drama
- Cake Stall
- Vintage Vehicles
- Army Displays
- Raffle & Tombola

Refreshments:

- BBQ
- Beer Tent
- Afternoon Teas
- Ice Cream

Further Information:

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Photo of Bob Thornton

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