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Thousands turn out for the Wakes Festival

Glorious sunshine saw thousands enjoy family fun at the annual Burntwood Wakes Festival.

The event took place at Burntwood Leisure Centre on Saturday 29 June and organisers are reporting approximately 5,000 visitors - a significant increase on last year.

Visitors were treated to a wide range of FREE activities and attractions, including a fun fair rides, inflatables, face painting, wonder wheelers, games arena, mini zoo, chase play bus, punch and Judy and static bird of prey display. The B.F.A.B. Street Dance, Flyball Dog Agility, Bridgtown Concert Show Band, Uttoxeter Heart of Oak Morris Men and the L'Rhythmix Dance Academy and Movement Dance among others entertained the crowds. A special thanks to Travelwood Mini Bus Hire, Chase Plant Hire Limited and the Girls Brigade whose help and assistance made this a truly community event.

Councillor Darren Ennis, Chairman of the Community and Partnerships Committee, who has been closely involved in the organisation of the Wakes both behind the scenes and on the day itself said: "There was a real buzz on the day and the feedback to me was all very positive. Burntwood is a great community and people of all ages came together to celebrate our history, our present and our future opportunities."

Chairman of the Town Council, Councillor Di Evans, opened the Wakes which took place on Armed Forces Day. She paid tribute to all of the service men and women from Burntwood, those who list their lives and are remembered on the town's memorials, those who served at times of crisis and those who are in the forces now.

Photographs provided by Nancy Wilkes Photography.

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