



Sonia Singham, granddaughter Josie and neighbour Pat Watson were ready for the showers at the pavement party in Leslie Road. Photo by John Lawrence



Youngsters decorated this pavement at the Abbots Gardens bash.



Judith Filkin's jubilee cake was a work of art in itself and probably didn't last very long among the residents at the Park Hall Road party. Photo by Annie Wright.



David Glick made the party go with a banger when he manned the barbecue at the Lincoln Road party. It was certainly typical British barbecue weather. Photo by Mike Coles.



Alison Lawson and Adam Penny with daughter Lili Mae. Aged five months, it's possible there could be another Diamond Jubilee within her lifetime. Photo by Diana Cormack



Makeshift canopies and plenty of warm coats made sure everyone still had a good time, despite heavy rain, at the Leicester Road shindig. Youngsters even had a bouncy castle to keep them happy. Photo by John Lawrence.



Conor Maroof, 13, made his mark with this jubilee banner that took pride of place at the Park Hall Road party. Photo by Annie Wright.

## Messages in the sky

By Frances Buckingham

**Pupils at Martin Primary School had a great start to the jubilee weekend as they watched hundreds of white balloons take to the sky to mark the Queen's 60-year reign.**

Each child at the school decorated a label to attach to a balloon, many had drawn colourful Union flags and there were some wonderful pictures of the Queen. The labels each had a unique reference number with a request to the finder of the balloon to contact the school. A certificate will be awarded to the pupil whose balloon travels the furthest.

The biodegradable balloons were generously donated by Martyn Gerrard Estate Agents. The whole school gathered on the field to count down and watch the release of the balloons and the children and teachers were thrilled to see the balloons rise up, high into the sky, and be carried away by the wind.

Early results from the emails show balloons had quickly travelled as far as France, Austria and Germany. The school is looking forward to plotting on a map the final destination of the balloons and making connections with some of the lucky finders.



Staff and pupils at Martin Primary School release the jubilee balloons.

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