

**Dragon Sports Day**  
**27th August 2001**

Last year's Sports Day was such a success that the Youth Club decided to repeat the event this year, on Monday, August 27th.

We were uncertain how many people would turn up this year, because last year's event had been tied with the Millennium Festival week.

We need not have worried, because we had more children there this year than at the previous Sports Day, and the weather kindly provided us with a gloriously sunny day.

The younger children in the village have been taking part in the *Dragon Sports Scheme* during the last few months. Wally Wenzel and Emma Newton (the sports representative .from Monmouthshire County Council) have been doing an athletics programme with the children on Thursday evenings. It has proved very successful with the youngsters.

Emma came along to the sports, bringing with her a fabulous Dragon costume which was paraded around the field all afternoon, worn by a number of the older teenagers. It was so hot inside the outfit that after about thirty minutes they had to come out for air!

The P.A. system was, once again, loaned to us by Terry Victor, and Ian Williams and Nick Hodges took charge of setting up the system and making sure it ran smoothly all afternoon. Thanks, boys!

Wally Wenzel marked out the field for both the sports and the football, and we were able to use items from the Dragon Sports kit for the events. Wally worked very hard and ended up with severe backache... I hope it's better now, Wally, and thanks a million for your hard work.

Mark Lewis took charge of running the events and seems completely at ease with a microphone in his hand. Dilys Mather organised the teas, and Diane Thomas and her family sold an enormous amount of sweets and canned drinks on the tuck stand. Grateful thanks to all of them.

Bryan Morgan and his brother David took some excellent photographs. Bryan has put his pictures on the website to accompany this report, and David has given me a large number of photographs which can be viewed if you get in touch with me.

Well, what can I say about the youngsters? They were marvellous! Many of them helped us early in the day to put up the bunting, tie up the balloons and to carry out the tables and chairs we needed for seating. No mean task for small children! It was a delight to see all of the youngsters eagerly taking part in the events - our youngest racer, I believe, was two year old Byron Smith-Carmichael!

During the afternoon one of the teenage boys said he was "fed up with winning bronze medals" - he had won two. I told him that if he tried that little bit harder in his next event he might win a silver or gold medal. He promptly ran his event and won the gold medal!

However, there were no losers on the day - to my mind they were all winners for their efforts during the afternoon. Thanks to them all for making it such an enjoyable afternoon.

And to the parents who didn't come along and watch their children racing - please come next year - we can guarantee that you will enjoy yourselves.

***Jackie Williams***  
Caerwent Youth Club

# **RESULTS**

Event	Name	Position
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Under six years sprint	Ashley Jones Tim Lewis Callum Spooner	Gold Medal Silver Medal Bronze Medal
Bean-bag-on-the-head walk	Ashley Jones Tim Lewis Callum Spooner	1st 2nd 3rd

Age 7 to 10 years.		
Sack Race	Sian Rees Ashley Jones Charlotte Tyson	1st 2nd 3rd
Three-legged Race	Isobelle Lewis & Laura Chiv Ben Spooner & James Swain Sian Perry & Richard Driscoll	1st 2nd 3rd
Egg & Spoon Race	James Swain Isobelle Lewis Ben Spooner	1st 2nd 3rd
Sprint	Sian Perry Isobelle Lewis Laura Chiv	1st 2nd 3rd
Skipping	Isobelle Lewis Kathryn Mackenzie Nicole Jones & Laura Tyson (joint 3rd)	1st 2nd 3rd

Age 11 to 14 years.		
Sack Race	Scott Williams Stephen Emms Anna Lewis	1st 2nd 3rd
Three-legged Race	Stephen Emms & Chris McVeigh Ann Lewis & Charlotte Cochrane	1st 2nd

	Carly McNamara & Roseanne Hunt	3rd
Egg & Spoon Race	Howard Thomas Ben Scroggs Joe Lewis	1st 2nd 3rd
Sprint	Howard Thomas Chris McVeigh Scott Williams	1st 2nd 3rd
Skipping	Chris McVeigh Howard Thomas Anna Lewis	1st 2nd 3rd

Age 14 to Adult.		
Sack Race	Neil Evans Rob Theobald Dave Sinden	1st 2nd 3rd
Three-legged Race	Rob McKenzie & Daniel Chiv Liam Williams & Daniel Jones Neil Evans & Dave Sinden	1st 2nd 3rd
Sprint	Rob Theobald Liam Williams Neil Adams	1st 2nd 3rd
Skipping	Dave Sinden Daryl Cann Neil Evans	1st 2nd 3rd
Ladies Skipping	Tracey Wynne Helen Wells Rachel Smith & Teresa Emms (Joint)	1st 2nd 3rd



Caerwent Sports Day

# Gallery

21st August 2001



It's Dragon Sports Day -  
complete with *Ddraig* the Dragon!







After the opening relay race, the toddlers took to the field...



















It's all over - and the 'Dragon' can cool off, and Monmouthshire County Council *Dragon Sport* Co-ordinator Emma Newton lends a hand with the clearing up!



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