

St Mathews

The Strawberry Fair

On the 6th of June, On Midsummer Common, they held the annual 41st Strawberry Fair. It began in 1974, and was aimed more at adults then. But now in 2015, it's Child-friendly with a kid's area. The events include live music, face-painting, hair braids and



Part of a toy car has been fitted to a tortoise to help it get around after losing a leg.

Touche's back leg was removed after an accident at its home last week.

Vet Sonya Miles said: "We decided to attach the wheel to avoid him traumatising the underside of his shell by dragging his back end."

Since the surgery on Friday, his owner Lisa Purnell said Touche was doing well.

Staff at Highcroft Veterinary Hospital in Bristol, England, used a special glue to attach the base of a toy car to the plastron, which is the underside of the shell.

Ms Miles said: "It can be taken off in the future if we feel that he has enough strength to hold himself up but he could be fine with a wheel for the rest of his life.

"He may even need a bigger one fitted at some point; tortoises carrying on growing until they are 10-15 years old so he could still double in size."

Touche is now "zooming" around the house, his owner said.

How much dog poo do you see in your area and is it a growing problem?

New figures for England and Wales suggest the number of people being fined for not picking up their dog's mess, has fallen by almost 20% on the previous year.

In 2011/12 just over 3,800 Fixed Penalty Notices, as they are called, were given out. There were just under 2,900 in 2014/15.

But it depends where you live.

Some local councils give out more fines than others.

In the past 12 months, 103 local authorities in England and Wales didn't give out a single fine.

48 councils haven't given out any fines for over FIVE years, despite receiving thousands of complaints.

In the past 12 months 302 councils admitted they had 74 thousand complaints between them.

Newsround viewer Kim isn't happy about the mess in his local park.

But why is it so important to clear up dog poo?

Dog poo can pose a possible risk to your health.

Toxocariosis is an infection caused by roundworm which can cause serious illness in some people.

It can also pose a risk to very young children and pregnant women.

Meerkat pups go wild in ball pool at Edinburgh Zoo

Meerkat pups at Edinburgh Zoo have been having some serious summer fun in their ball pool.

But the little creatures aren't just fooling around - they're actually taking part in a game to find their dinner.

Hidden within the meerkat's pool are little insects, or grubs, that the animals love to eat.

The pups need to search amongst the balls for the grubs; in the wild they'd forage just like this, under rocks and in soil, to find food.

How safe are rollercoasters?

Four rides have been closed at three theme parks across the UK after a crash on the Smiler ride at Alton Towers on Tuesday.

Merlin Entertainments say the four rides, including Smiler, will be closed 'for the foreseeable future'. Dragon's Fury and Rattlesnake rides at Chessington World of Adventures and the 'Saw' ride at Thorpe Park have also been shut for safety reasons.



So are theme park rides safe?



According to rollercoaster expert Justin Garvanovich of The European Coaster Club, accidents on rollercoasters are really rare, so rare that you stand a much higher chance of being injured travelling to the park than actually being on the ride.

Rollercoaster operators have to have a special licence to be able to operate a ride. The people who run the rides also need to do special training before they're allowed to work on them.



Safety checks

Tracks and carts at UK theme parks are checked every day to make sure everything is in order.

The safety restraints are also checked to make sure they are working properly.

At the end of every rollercoaster season when the parks are closed the carts are taken apart and checked thoroughly before being put back together securely.

How common are accidents on rides?

Accidents on rollercoasters and rides are really rare. The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions say the chance of being injured on an amusement park ride is one in 24 million.



The Cricket Festival

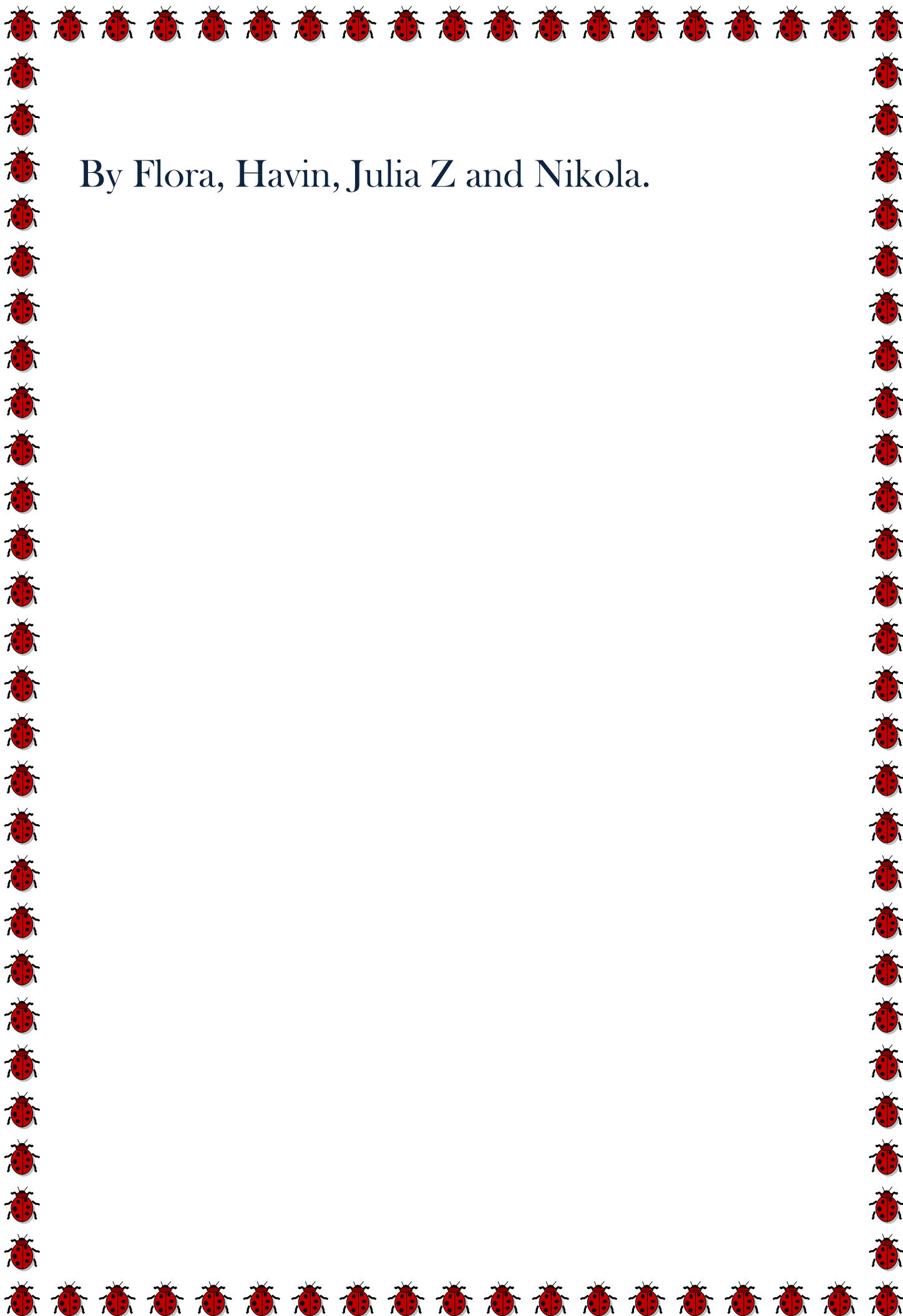
St. Matthew's sent two teams to the Kwik Cricket Festival. There were 19 teams taking part from across Cambridgeshire.

St. Matthew's A team played three matches, beating Caldecote and Milton Road B but losing in a close match, to The Perse Prep school. St. Matthew's B team beat Park Street and lost to Morley.

Both teams finished second in their groups, so just missed out on qualifying for the County Finals. They played some brilliant cricket with some fantastic batting, bowling and fielding cricket.



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