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Roe Green Village Residents' Celebrates 100 Years with Tiger Moth flypast

As the de Havilland DH82, "Tiger Moth" designed and built at the nearby Stag Lane factory, flew over Roe Green Village against a clear blue sky, the 400+ spectators cheered and waved.

This conservation area holds dear to the famous names of Amy Johnson who planned her solo flight to Australia lived in Roe Green to be near Stag Lane Aerodrome. Sir Geoffrey de Havilland whose company, Airco, produced the famous Tiger Moth; and last but not least, the man who had a hand in designing the MI5 headquarters in Millbank, Sir Frank Baines, (1877-1933) was the architect of the Garden Village that is Roe Green Village.

Our celebrations to mark the centenary of the Village were all held on the Green, in Roe Lane and began on the 2nd June with a FunWalk; then on the 9th June we had a Dog Show, then a quiz on the 16th, which all culminated in our Village Day.

The new Mayor of Brent, Cllr Arshad Mahmood, accompanied by his wife and the leader of Brent Council, Muhammed Butt plus local councillors attended to unveil our renovated village sign.

On the Green the marquees were set up with stalls from Chinese calligraphy to a head massage. Brent Concert Band, consisting of 40 young musicians, kick started the day, there was acapella singing, Punch & Judy, children's games including old favourites like the Tug o' war. In between all this a Bake-Off competition was being judged by Urvashi Roe (of TV Bake-Off fame).

And then the highlight of the day as the Tiger Moth appeared above us at 1500 hours precisely. It was an emotional and uplifting sight to see this lovely vintage plane still able to grace the skies – on a 3 times flypast!

There was also, a Yoga demo, a writing competition judging and a plant auction. There was Greek, authentic Indian vegetarian and Caribbean home-cooked food all available throughout the day.

The evening started with KIX jazz band with Kate Daniels and to balance and end with DJDan's disco sounds. We don't want to take the bunting down. It was the greatest community event we have ever held – and we have held over 40 village days, so we know this was the greatest!

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