

## COUNTRY FAIR 2010

Forming a part of the popular Winery Walkabout event, the Country Fair is held on the Sunday of the Queen's birthday long weekend in June from 9am to 4pm.

The Main Street in Rutherglen is completely blocked off between 9am until 4pm to accommodate over 300 stalls & the throngs of people who descend on the town for some great bargains & retail therapy. Produce and craft stalls, an animal nursery, a variety of food stalls, buskers and music make for a carnival atmosphere to be enjoyed by the whole family. Stretching the length of Main Street & parts of the High Street, the Fair turns our small town of Rutherglen into a bustling place to be during the Winery Walkabout weekend.

Free entry competitions include Barrel Rolling at 11am, where all competitors receive a complimentary bottle of wine, courtesy of the Winemakers of Rutherglen, and the Infamous Grape Stomp commencing at 1pm. Something for every member of the family.

2010 was no exception with the majority of the stalls booked out & many enquiries being made up to the last minute. Barry Warren, our Project Leader for the Fair was a very busy man again this year. Of course the fair went without a hitch as usual. Jeanette McIntosh also did a great job taking all the stall bookings. Many thanks to all the Rotarians & partners who helped to set up & strip down the Fair equipment.

Rotary would also like to thank Barry & Jeanette who are bowing out of the Fair committee after many years of dedicated service. Their shoes will hard to fill for the 2011 event.

Pictures were hard to take on the day due the fierce sun & the crowds (not something to complain about!) – but the weather made the Walkabout a very pleasant weekend experience for all the visitors to Rutherglen.

Crowds at the Main & High Streets intersection



Grape stomping in action – Ken Jasper’s shorts were a sight to behold!



A sunny view of the Main Street



View down the Main Street to the Victoria Hotel



A break in the crowds later in the day – is that a couple of Rotarians having a well earned coffee in the High Street?

