

**Monk Fryston and Hillam Summer Fayre
Including
The Yorkshire Egg Throwing and Catching Championship**

Saturday June 28th 2008

The pre Championship discussions and betting was thrown away when a young novice produced an amazing piece of juggling to enable his team to take the Yorkshire Egg throwing and catching Championship which was held at the Monk Fryston and Hillam Summer Fayre last Saturday. Crowds of people gathered to watch the competitors get splattered, and many did, but also it became clear that with a bit of good technique and a lot of luck good distances could be achieved. One of the early leaders was the pre event favorite, the Rev. John Hetherington, with 30m, and then came Oli's Prosperi's throw and Benji Connor's catch.

Ten year old "Frystoner", Benji, held on to a 35m throw from Oli (33), in what adjudicator Neal Wilson described as "Remarkable" and went on to say, " and from my prime viewing position, I thought, this is going to be a big, big, splat, but when egg came down, Benji made a great cup with his hands, the egg hit his hand, bounced out unbroken, then hit his chest without breaking and back into his hands. It was a take worthy of an England slip catcher!"

In actual fact Beji and Oli only won the Championship on a count back, as another one of the 50 or so teams also achieved 35m, but on their 3rd attempt.

Overall the Fayre which was jointly organized by the Community Association and School PTA and supported by all the Village organizations was a great success with around 1000 people attending throughout the afternoon. Chairman of the Community Association, Ray Newton commented afterwards, "We've had a great afternoon, it's been loads of fun, the music from the youth bands has been outstanding, the children have had a wonderful time, and it was so nice to see village folk out and about on foot, with their cars at home and smiles on their faces!" "We are already been requested to "do it again" and probably will but we will need a bigger championship course for the throwing and catching as I see 50m being easily achieved"

Ray Newton