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Both villagers and local businesses galloped to support 'Race the Roof' – though there were a few stragglers emerging bleary-eyed from the FA cup final extra time. This thoroughbred of an evening raised a triumphant £1,575.55 towards the Church roof fund.

The well-stocked Weston Paddock Bar came under pressure before the first - and between every race with the winners celebrating and the losers drowning their sorrows whilst making good use of the green "bowl of shame"(a chance to redeem their losses at the end of the evening).

With each race being generously sponsored, when the opportunity arose to become an owner of one of the runners, bidding was fierce. The prizes at stake were lunch vouchers donated by The Old Flight House Cafe, The Milk Shed and the Black Sheep; a Pimms' Party Bucket; a Martin Miller's Gin gift pack; a chance to have a celebratory cake cooked by Weston's very own Jane Asher, Mandy Jones, and the infamous Bucket of Booze kindly donated by Bill and Joy Lawrie with an extra bottle of wine donated by the Village Stores.

After a particularly exciting photo-finish there was a break for supper - chilli generously cooked by six volunteers and baked potatoes that Helen kindly cooked at the shop.

The final race saw the losing tickets picked from the green bowl of shame, giving those punters that had previously backed donkeys a chance to be an owner or trainer for each horse running. On top of the tote this led to a raucous crescendo of support and a perfect end to a great evening.

The final furlong was the auction of the original artwork for the event, kindly created by Debbie Obied, and villagers dispersed into the night, many displaying their winning rosettes.

Runners and Riders - without whom "Race the Roof" wouldn't have got out of the starting stalls:

Henry & Nicky Donne
Valerie Atilan
James & Emma Bernard
Brian Biddle
Helen Broome
Anne Brown
David Cole
Theff Everett
Lola Holland
Sarah Holland
Ann Holt
Ian and Mandy Jones
Jane Mullane
Yasemin Olcay
Alex Reid
Ruth Whitfield

Special thanks to the Village Hall Committee for so generously donating the Hall