



● Flippin' great fun...youngsters take part in the Great Bowden pancake races on the village green. (Picture: Andrew Carpenter/001245-7)

## Pancake prowess is no flash in the pan!

A PANCAKE race kicked off the 2008 Great Bowden Festival.

About 130 people turned up at The Green on Sunday for the relay races, which saw teams of four take part.

Eight teams entered the adult section, while two teams competed in the children's races and all of the competitors received a small prize afterwards.

It is the third time the pancake race has launched the festival, which is held every four years.

Jill Appleton, one of the festival committee members, said: "Everybody had great fun. One lady fell she was trying so hard but she was okay and everybody went to the pub afterwards. It was a good start to the festival."

Mrs Appleton thanked fellow committee member Deb Hale, who refereed proceedings.

The ten-member festival committee has been busy organising the festival and the next event - the Old Time Music Hall show - is being

performed on the weekend of February 15 and 16 at Great Bowden Primary School.

Other plans include a wine tasting event in the village hall on March 7 and a big festival weekend over the August Bank Holiday.

It will culminate in a dance under a marquee in the grounds of Great Bowden School on September 20.

● For more information on the Old Time Music Hall event see the leisure section in this week's Mail on p73.

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