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All the fun of the fair goes on until Saturday

There may have been an electronic glitch at Boston's May Fair on Bank Holiday Monday which temporarily stranded some at the top of the Sky High ride, but the show goes on until this Saturday.

Showmen have apologised to those left for about an hour after the breakdown. It was the hottest day of the year so far, and the hottest bank holiday on record, but all returned to Earth unscathed, where they were immediately given bottles of water and a quick check by the St John Ambulance medical team on standby. The Showmen apologised for the inconvenience and refunded all their fare.

The stranded riders had a spectacular 360 degree view of Boston while they were 50 metres up, and many were seen taking advantage with their smartphone cameras. The showmen had a contingency which saw the riders lowered slowly using a manually-controlled mechanism.

Boston Borough Council's health and safety officer launched an investigation, calling for an independent safety report before the ride is given the OK to begin operating again.

No other rides were affected and the new BIG one, Air, proved very popular after a pre-opening test ride by volunteers Kayleigh and Emma from the council. You can see their Air-raising experience at



<https://youtu.be/-OcxA5NHpPc>

The May Fair was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Bernard Rush on Saturday, when the winner of a competition organised by the council and the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain, received his unique "golden ticket" enabling him to ride every ride at the May Fair as often as he wants for absolutely nothing. This year's winner, chosen at random, was Jayden Matheson (9), from Boston (pictured).

He received his ticket from the Mayor as part of the traditional May Fair proclamation, made this time from the Dodgems.

The May Fair is an event all the family can enjoy. Young and older enjoy the rides and the other attractions.

It will be open this week from 11am to 10.30pm today and tomorrow and 11am to 11pm on Friday and 11am to 10.30pm on Saturday.

Sunday morning smash-up

A charity event was organised by staff at Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex in remembrance of their colleague, Sue, who sadly died from cancer earlier in the year. The event was called 'Sunday Morning Smash-up'.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2lnJCI2>



Barrier work latest

Work continues on the Boston Barrier flood protection scheme. The dredger Gypsy Race has arrived in The Haven to commence "bed trimming" after the main dredge. Old structures on the right bank are being prepared for removal this week and more piles will be arriving ahead of start of work on the right bank. Piling is complete on the north side of the river in the port. The £100 million barrier will be complete by 2019 and reduce the risk of flooding to 17,000 properties.



Is there anybody there?

Boston's historic and equally atmospheric Guildhall will be the venue for an evening of clairvoyance. The Guildhall, built in the 1390s, has its own history of hauntings and is popular with ghost hunters. It will play host on Thursday, May 24, to Simon Goodfellow, a spiritual medium and clairvoyant.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2rrwZBW>

New swing for children with disabilities gets given the thumbs up

The grin said it all - ten-year-old Charlie, from John Fielding Community Special School, gave his approval to the new swing in Central Park specially designed for a child in a wheelchair. Next to the wheelchair swing are new traditional swings so that friends and relatives can swing alongside.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2FHJrBL>



All welcome at Mad Hatter's tea party

Fall down the rabbit hole and emerge at the Mad Hatter's tea party in Boston's Guildhall on Saturday, June 9. The Mad Hatters Tea Party will pay homage to the famous children's story by Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland, so anyone named Alice is especially invited.

Read more at <https://bit.ly/2jF9Mb7>

