



*Chic the Sweep*



*'Takeaways'*



Bettine to the hostess Miss Persephone herself – all were in character and prepared to give our guests the perfect Edwardian experience. We were all fully committed to our role for the day and Dora's Edwardian Tea Room was ready to receive her first guests.

It was wonderful to see so many of our guests getting into role. The ladies looked lovely in their Edwardian summer dresses and the men very smart in their suits. A special mention goes to our local Edwardian chimney sweep ... 'cor blimey mister'! Over £1500 was raised by cash and donations during the day. A final tally of the money raised is yet to be confirmed but it is hoped to be able to give at least £3000 to The Canmore Trust.

We feel, and we hope our guests will agree, that this was an Edwardian experience second to none.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the help and support of our many sponsors:

- Ian Rodger ... Forth Valley Vets
- Alistair Smith ... Farrier
- Meghan Haste ... Venacher, Lochside
- for all the wonderful food
- Iain Ramsey-Clapham ...
- online booking and I.T. prowess
- Gill Waugh ...
- graphics and music
- Clare Hunter ...
- for all the waitress outfits
- Ashley Page ...
- for Dora's cake boxes

And everyone else who contributed to the culinary delights of the day... you know who you are.

A special mention must go to all those who were Edwardians for the day: Charlie Methven, Nigel Page, Nick Holker, Gill Waugh, Fiona Leishman, Vicky Jack, Lindsay Page, Lorraine Deeley, Gillian Ramsey-Clapham and of course Karen Methven who was the inspiration behind this event. Without her hard work, determination and eye for every little detail Dora's Edwardian Tea Room would not have happened.

A wonderful day enjoyed by one and all!

*Sepia photographs: Top left: Miss Persephone and the staff; above, Branston and Miss P; below, Branston with the outdoor staff*

