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• Anna Sharvin and Marion Wood show off their fig pies before the big race. Photo : MALCOLM HART.

## Big race was pie-light of wakes revival

HUNDREDS of people flocked to Wybunbury at the weekend for the revival of the village's traditional fig pie wakes.

The main road through the village near Crewe was shut while 28 competitors lined up for the race which has been revived to help pay for the upkeep of Wybunbury tower.

### Recipe

Elizabeth Mitchell was declared the winner after rolling her pie the furthest down the hill.

The race was started by 97-year-old Mrs Dorothy Wharton who remembers the wakes when they were last held in the 1920s and she provided contestants with the recipe.

Abselling down Wybunbury tower provided a popular attraction and local organisations also set up fund-raising stalls.

Richard Elwood, chairman of the tower committee, said: "It was the best community event we have had in Wybunbury for many years.

"We haven't had so many laughs in a long time."

The wakes may now be revived as a yearly attraction.