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Little Daisy Port considers having her face painted

## Fete-tastic!

Hilltop's Hot Summer Fete - how we did, *page 4.*



Ali Carpenter (left) is in the green corner with the plants

# DISBELIEF AT LACK OF 'NECESSARY' TRANSPORT

AS THE battle to find a solution to our lack of public transport continues, a recent visitor to the area has added her voice to the campaign, expressing disbelief that people in semi rural communities like Hilltop are left "confined to barracks" without a car.

Barbara Beardsmore, who lives in the Brecon Beacons National Park area in Wales, says: "Having just spent a few days on holiday with my sister, Joan (Gower) in Iffin Lane, I have been quite horrified at the lack of public transport in the area. So many people, and all "confined to barracks", unless they have a car and can drive. While it is evident that many people do have a car, and some

families have two, there are always those who are either unable to afford the upkeep of a vehicle or are unfit to drive for reasons of health or age.

"I see from the admirable *Hilltop News* that plans are afoot via Cllr. Brian Staley to institute a bus service connecting several villages. I sincerely hope it will come to pass, and soon. Hospital and doctors appointments, church services, village events — all require some to have to beg a lift from friends or relatives. While I know that public spirit is found in abundance in Hilltop, nobody should need to ask for continual help as age or disability advances. So here's to speedy progress in organising what is, after all, a necessity."



**Ah, so cute**

...But nothing stays the same. Find out who's just turned 40 (see back page)

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