



Take a break ... have a picnic

E HULL: Hundreds take part in attempt to break world record

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HUNDREDS of families descended on East Park to take part in the world's biggest picnic.

The glorious bank holiday weather ensured a bumper turnout of families dining together in the open air.

Families queued to register for the event, which was taking place as part of National Family Week.

Thousands of people at venues across the country were tucking in to sandwiches to try to break the Guinness World Record for the largest picnic.

Mike Dobbs, who was in East Park with daughter Rebecca Dobbs, six, said: "We looked on the Internet and saw there was the UK's largest picnic and thought it would be fun to come along."

Rebecca said: "I have got ham sandwiches, home-made fairy cakes, crisps and sausage rolls to eat and

some yoghurt. We are having fun."

The munching started at 1pm yesterday and participants were asked to bring two courses and a drink for each person.

Jomana Davenport, six, and sister Abby Davenport, three, kept themselves busy eating a feast of sand-

wiches, tomatoes and yoghurts with a drink of juice to wash it all down.

The current world record is 8,000. In conjunction with the Santa Cruz town council, people sat down to eat prepared meals brought from home at the Plaza de Espana, Santa Cruz, Tenerife, on May 2, 1999.

As well as the picnic, families were able to take part in activities such as face painting, a bouncy castle, drumming and meeting members of Hull FC community support.

As well as the activities in East Park, Hull Prison was also holding a family day.

Paul Foweather, governor of the Hedon Road prison, said: "I am proud HMP Hull is working with the council and having our own picnic for the families and children of visitors to the prison.

"Family week should be supported by all.

"This week will showcase the city and we should all celebrate family life."

It is the first National Family Week, which has been designed to encourage families to play, learn, eat, read, compete and spend quality time together.

A series of activities have been planned for each day.

Today will see the launch of new parent drop-in sessions at Hull Central Library from 10am to 3pm.

There will be a host of activities for all the family and the opportunity to chat to a parenting worker about any issues or concerns.

On Wednesday there will be a family learning and play day from 10am to 4pm in Queens Gardens.

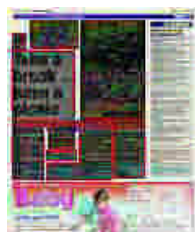
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National Family Week

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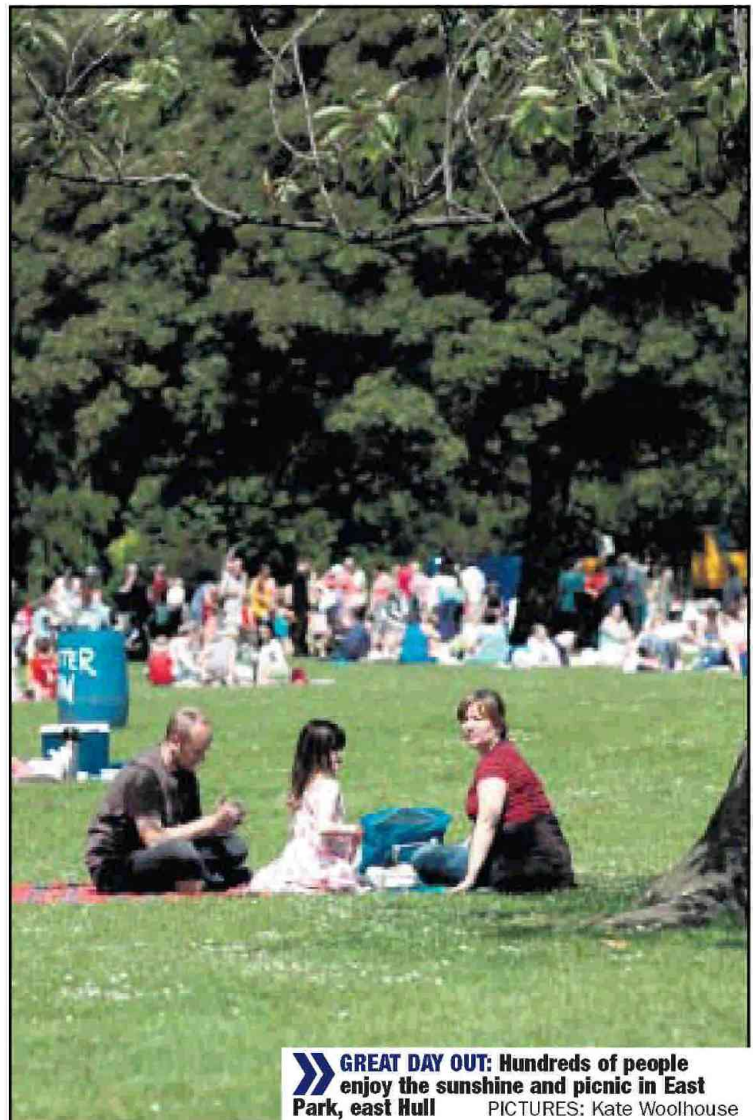
IN SHORT

Families in East Yorkshire have taken part in the world's biggest picnic.

Hundreds of people flocked to East Park to be a part of the event, which was being run as part of the inaugural National Family Week.



FAMILY AFFAIR: Abby Davenport, three, left, and sister Jomana Davenport, six, enjoy their picnic in East Park



GREAT DAY OUT: Hundreds of people enjoy the sunshine and picnic in East Park, east Hull PICTURES: Kate Woolhouse