The Cotswold Olympicks

The Cotswold Olympick Games were an annual event held on the Thursday and Friday of the week of the Christian festival, Whitsun. They took place near the town of Chipping Campden in Gloucestershire.

No one is certain what year the first Cotswold Olympicks took place, but historians think it would have been between 1601 and 1612. The games were organised by a lawyer called Robert Dover.

Look carefully at the poster - what events can you see?



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SPORTS, GAMES AND PASTIMES

Author and Illustrator Marcia Williams has had a go at drawing a poster of all her favourite games and pastimes in the style of the Cotswold Olympick Games Poster. She has included thirteen events - can you recognise what they are? (Answers are below).



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Maybe you would like to try to make a poster of all your favourite games and pastimes - I wonder how many you'll include in your poster.

Marcia's sports are: Picking flowers, bird watching, dog walking, wild swimming, kayaking, riding, meditating, running, biking, gardening, picnicking, dancing and tennis.

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